Foundation urges art theft probe

LONDON (R) — The Islamic Arts Foundation called Sunday for an international inquiry into the theft of \$4 million worth of Muslim art objects from a Jerusalem museum on Friday. The London-based foundation, set up in 1981 to promote Islamie arts. also appealed to dealers and auction houses throughout the world to help recover ancient watches and eloeks, rare books and paintings stolen from the Islamic Museum. Foundation Chairman Muazzam Ali sent cables to the Organisation of Islamic conference in Jeddah and the United Nations Educational, Scientifie and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in Paris calling for an inquiry under international auspices. There had been a "systematic campaign to destroy Islamic heritage and holy places since the Israeli usurpation and occupation of Palestine." he said.



Turkish, Greek ministers to meet

ANKARA (R) - The Turkish and Greek foreign ministers will meet in Strasbourg on April 27 to discuss ways of easing tension between the two countries, a Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman said Sonday. He confirmed Greek reports that Turkey's Ilter Turkmen and Greece's Ioannis Charalambopoulos would meet during ministerial committee meetings of the Cooncil of Europe later this month. Relations between Turkey and Greece. both members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), have long been strained by disputes mainly over Cyprus and rights in the Aegean areas. On Saturday, Turkmen sent a warmly-worded message of thanks to Mr. Charalambopoulos for securing the release of 114 passengers and crew of a Turkisb airliner hijacked to Athens last Friday.

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U.N. chief arrives in Stockholm

STOCKHOLM (A.P.) — United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar arrived in Sweden Sunday on his swing through Scandinavia. Foreign Minister Lennart Bodstrom and other officials greeted the secretary general in Stockholm's harbour where he arrived in the morning by ferry from Finland. Mr. Perez de Cue-llar is to meet with Prime Minister Olof Palme, lunch with King Carl Gustaf and Queen Silvia and address the Swedish parliament during his three-day official visit. Sweden is the fourth leg of his Nordic trip which has taken him to Iceland, Denmark and Finland in the past ten days. On Tuesday. Mr. Perez de Cuellar leaves by plane for Oslo. Norway.

Bonn defends nuclear first-strike option

BONN (R) — West Germany's new armed forces chief said Sunday NATO would not necessarily spark an all-out nuclear war if it fired one nuclear weapon to halt a conventional attack by Warsaw Pact forces. Gen. Wolfgang Altenburg, who took office this month, said, "A nuclear first strike can hit a target somewhere as a political signal and need not necessarily mean the outbreak of a nuclear war in the Federal Republic (West Germany)," But, he told West German radio, a first strike could only be used in response to a Warsaw Paet assault.

Saudi Arabia to double wheat output

BAHRAIN (R) - Saudi Arabia expects to almost double its wheat production this year as part of efforts to make the kingdom self-" sufficient in food, Commerce Min-ister Suleiman Abdul Aziz Al Salim was quoted Sunday as saying. Production was expected to reach 500,000 to 600,000 tonnes this year, the Saudi Press Agency quoted him as saying in a speech marking the opening of a grain complex at Buraydah, northwest of Riyadh. King Fahd said last week wheat output was more than 300,000 tonnes last year.

Soviet TV attacks U.S. MX plan

MOSCOW (R) - Soviet Television correspondent Alexander Druzhinin Sunday attacked a U.S. plan to deploy 100 MX nuclear missiles in existing missile silos. saying it would threaten peace and spur the arms race. "This recommendation is a step towards a decision which will be a new stage in the arms race and will create an additional threat of military conflict breaking out." he said.

Egypt gets 2 new power stations

ALEXANDRIA (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak inaugurated two power stations Sunday, one built by French and Arab economic assistance and the other with United States and British soft loans. The first, a 600 megawait station in Abu Kir Bay at Alexandria, was built by the French consortium Alstom Atlantique. The total cost of about \$368 million was shared with Egypt by Abu Dhabi and Kuwait Arab development funds. French banks and the French government.

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Arafat: PLO and Jordan determined to seek formula

RABAT (Agencies) — Palestine leader Yasser Arafat was quoted Sunday as saying he and King Hussein were determined to pursue their dialogue on finding a formula for Middle East peace.

In a statement on arrival in the central Moroccan city of Fez Saturday night, reported by the Moroccan news agency MAP Sunday. Mr. Arafat said "certain minor differences" had emerged in the talks with Jordan which were suspended a week ago after six months of contacts.

"The Palestinians, and the Jordanians led by King Hussein. are determined to pursue their dialogue for the good of the Arab World and the Palestinian cause."

Accompanied by two of his top aides. Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad) and Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) of the Fateh Central Committee. Mr. Arafat was due to confer with King Hassan of Morocco in Fez later Sunday.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader arrived from talks with Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid.

Mr. Arafat said he would discuss with King Hassan the question of resuming talks with Jor-dan and the agenda of a special Arab summit which King Hassan hopes to hold next month in Fez.

Mr. Arafat's tour of North Africa comes before a crucial meeting of the Palestinian leadership due to be held soon in Tunisia in an uming talks with Jordan.

The extraordinary Arab sum- gan plan. mit, called by King Hassan, had been set for this weekend, but was said was "the latest political developments."

enable the intensification of inter-Arab consultations with a view to ensuring the maximum chance of success for the extraordinary summit."

Since early last week, Mr. Aralat has visited Stockholm, Sweden, where he met with Prime Minister Olof Palme, and Sofia, Bulgaria, for talks with President Todor Zhivkov. He returned to the PLO headquarters in Tunis Saturday where he met with President Bourguiba, then left for Algeria and Morocco.

> Kissinger: U.S. plan alive

Meanwhile. Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said in Rome Sunday he did not believe President Reagan's Middle East peace initiative was dead.

"What we are seeing at the moment is a complicated negotiating procedure," he told a news conference while attending informal three-day talks here on world issues between leading politieal figures, industrialists and intellectuals,

Mr. Kissinger, who won a Nobel Peace Prize for his own pea-cemaking efforts in the Middle East, said he was still hopeful Joreffort to reach a consensus on res- dan and the PLO would reconsider their position on the Rea-

Mr. Kissinger rated chances of a new Middle East war as "very low rescheduled for early May by what in the immediate future." No Morocco's official news agency Arab country was strong enough to attack Israel and Israel would not risk U.S. disapproval by lau-It was also, the agency said, "to nohing an attack, he said.

Habib, Israel study 'long inventory of differences'

lip Habib met the head of Israel's whom Lebanon opposes as a desdelegation at the talks with Leb-erter, was not mentioned, he said. anon Sunday to discuss "a long inventory of differences" blockine agreement on the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon, a Foreign Ministry official said.

David Kimche, general director of Israel's Foreign Ministry, met Mr. Habib for an hour to discuss the differences, some over the wording of an agreement and others substantive issues, the official

nerstone of an agreement on 1976, has refused,

By Patrick Worsnip

BEIRUT - Uncertainty over

Syria's plans for its troops in Leb-

anon has become a major worry

for Lebanese leaders as key pol-

itical decisions loom on the terms

for a pullout of Israeli invasion

Conflicting signals have been

emerging recently from Damascus

hdrawal of Syria's estimated

40.000 men in Lebanon. Syrian

leaders apparently are considering

the possibility of a Lebanese-

Israeli agreement being reached

Lebanese, Israeli and U.S. neg-

otiators bave been discussing for

16 weeks a formula for the wit-

hdrawal of Israeli troops who inv-

aded Lebanon last summer with

the declared aim of smashing Pal-

estinian commando bases there.

A senior Lebanese official said

on the conditions for the wit-

forces.

fairly soon.

TEL'AVIV(R) - U.S. envoy Phi- "security" in South Lebanon but Newspaper reports said Mr. Habib would now fly to Beirut to continue his efforts to settle differences between Israel and Leb-

> Israel wants Maj. Haddad, who has for years received Israeli backing to fight Palestinian commando infiltration in South Lebanon, to command forces there to prevent the commandos' return.

The future of renegade Leb-anese army Maj. Saad Haddad. Lebanon, which considers him a traitor who deserted the Lebanese Lebanon, which considers him a whom Israel sees as the cor- army to form his own militia in

border "security" arrangements

aimed at preventing the com-

mandos' return but differed on

Officials in Beirut say the mil-

itary men from the three del-

egations have now gone about as

far as they can on drafting the sec-

urity arrangements and that fur-

ther progress requires political

One official, explaining the

"In the back of our minds, we

always have the feeling that if we

say this, what will be the reaction

of the Syrians, the Palestine Lib-

eration Organisation (PLO) and

the Saudis? What will be the int-

power, we could have sorted it out

With these worries in mind,

Lebanon is resisting Israeli dem-

ands for intervention powers for

last week the sides agreed in pri- the joint teams, a fixed presence of noises which have been heard

"If we only bad one occupying

their makeup and powers.

Lebanese quandary, said:

emal effect?

m a week."



Badran receives Lebanese delegation

AMMAN (Petra) - Prime Minister Mudar Badran conferred in his office Sunday with a visiting Lebanese military delegation headed by Defence Minister Isam Khouri. The meeting was attended by Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Lebanon's Ambassador to Jordan Marcel Namour and his counterpart in Beirut. Mu'tasem Bil-.

Earlier, the Lebanese del-egation met with Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid at the Army Headquarters in The delegation, which arrived

in Amman Sunday morning for a visit expected to last several days. will be meeting with other Jordanian officials and touring army positions and institutions in the

arrival by Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid. Army Chief of Staff Maj.-Gen. Fathi Abu Taleb, senior army officers, and the Lebanese amb-

The delegation Sunday afternoon visited the Martyrs' Monument in Amman, toured its different sections and watched a documentary on the Great Arab Revolt and the development of

The delegation was met upon Jordan's Armed Forces.

Shawwa urges PLO to join talks on U.S. plan

AMMAN (Petra) -The mayor of the Israeli-occupied town of Gaza has called on the Palestine Liberation_Organisation (PLO) to join negotiations for Middle East peace based on U.S. President Ronald Reagan's proposals announced last September.

In an interview with the Lebanese English-language Monday Morning magazine published Sunday, Mayor Rashad Al Shawa said such a step "is a hope and is looked forward to by the majority of the Palestinians.

Mr. Shawa expressed confidence in His Majesty King Hus-Jordan's concern too.

King Hussein feels the urgency to achieve a settlement to the Palestine problem as the Palestinians themselves do, the Gaza mayor added.

estinians living under Israeli occ-

upation felt an overwhelming bitterness and despair at the freezing sein and said that considering the last Sunday of talks between Jorlarge number of Palestinians living. Alan and the PLO on joint political in Jordan, Palestinian rights are moves towards Middle East peace negotiations. PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat should have continued his talks with King Hussein in light and Gaza Strip from Comthen setting up a confederation

Mr. Shawa said that Pal-

mandelsraeli occupation, and with Jordan, Mr. Shawa con-

Gandhi allays Islamic concern over Assam

NEW DELHI (Agencies) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandbi has sent personal letters to heads of state and prime ministers of 31 Islamic countries refuting reports that large numbers of Muslims were killed in February's election violence in the northeast state of Assam, officials said Sunday. The letters went out as the vio-

lence continoed, with one person

reported killed and six injured Saturday in the state's Goalpara district, which was worst hit in February. Other areas remained peaceful, Press Trust of India said.

she was writing because "interested groops hostile to India She said events in Assam ha were deliberately misrepresenting caused her and the government the deplorable incidents that took

place in Assam during the recent elections."

Mrs. Gandhi said India was safe for minorities, with some 80 million Muslims and 15 million Christians, among others, in India's In her letters, Mrs. Gandhi said 700 millinn population peacefolly

She said events in Assam had "dcep anxiety."

Reagan assures Syria of Golan pullout

DAMASCUS (R) - U.S. President Ronald Reagan has assured . United States was seuking exp-Syrian President Hafez Al Assad be wants Middle East peace negotiations which will secure an Israeli withdrawal from all territories occupied by Israel in 1967, the official Syrian news agency SANA reported Sunday.
Mr. Reagan's pledge came in a

congratulatory cable on the eve of the 36th anniversary of the evacuation of French forces from

erence in any agreement to a fur-

ure peace treaty. Lebanese sou-

The latest statements from

Syria have done nothing to ease

the problem for the Beirut gov-

ernment. Syrian troops hold nor-

them and eastern Lebanon and

6,000 or more PLO commandos

are stationed behind their lines.

On Sunday the Syrian gov-ernment newspaper Tishrin said

there would be no talks on wit-

hdrawal of Syrian forces "until

after the exit of all Israeli forces

Tishrin also said Syrian forces

would stay in Lebanon if Beirut

agreed to any arrangements or

guarantees with Israel which inf-

ringed Lebanese security or ref-

Contradicting statements

The tone of the Tishrin editorial

contrasted with more soothing

from the whole of Lebanon."

lected on Syria's.

neiple on joint teams to supervise 200 Israelis in Lebanon and a ref-

anded peace negotiations on the basis of U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 and added that the U.S. considered the document included the Golan Heights.

Israel annexed the heights in December 1981 and President Reagan's current Middle East peace proposals make no specific mention of them. In the cable, Mr. Reagan said he

was looking forward to more since then.

remarks attributed to President

Hafez Al Assad by foreign visitors

Syrian Information Minister

Ahmad Iskander was quoted as

saying in a Beirut magazine int-

erview last month that Damascus

would agree to a simultaneous

withdrawal of Syrian and Israeli

forces--a viewpoint apparently at

On Sunday, the Beirut English-

language weekly. Monday Mor-

ning, quoted a Lebanesc-

American clergyman as saying in

an interview that President Assad

had given him the following mes-

"You can tell him (Rengan) that

"We went to Lebanon invited

by the legal government and we

are ready to leave Lebanon any

time but at the present time the

Israelis are about 25 kilometres

away from Damascus. So. for sec- acli officers in South Lebanon.

Syria is not a problem at all in

sage for President Reagan:

who have called on him.

odds with Tishrin's.

In his cable Mr. Reagan said the U.S.-Syrian contacts aimed at what he described as the two countries' common goal of a negotiated peace settlement.

> The tone of the cable contrasted sharply with critical statements from U.S. officials earlier this year after news of the installation of new Soviet-mude air defence missiles in Syria.

> Resolution 242, adopted after the 1967 war, has been the basis for most Middle East peace efforts.

Lebanon." Metropotitan Philip

Saliba, primate of the Antiochian

Orthodox Christian archdiocese

of North America, quoted Pre-

sident Assad as saying.
The Syrians entered Lebanon in

1976 to end the Lebanese civil

war. They received an Arab Lea-

gue mandate as the "Arab Det-

errent Force" but it lapsed last

So far the Syrians are not known

to have explained in detail what

kind of Lebanese-Israeli agr-

eement they would find acc-

Western diplomats question

whether the Syrians would want to

perpetuate the Israeli presence

within artillery range of Damascus

because of objections to a few Isr-

this moment.

Syria's plans in Lebanon worries Beirut government

that much of the steadily growing oil slick in the Gulf was still in Iranian waters although the total from Syrian leaders, including urity and strategic reasons, we area of the strategic waterway now cannot withdraw from Lebanon at affected was at least 8,000 square "But the minute Israel wit-The information was based on hdraws, then we will bave no bus-

recent reports from helicupturs iness in Lebanon and we will leave and space satellites monitoring the movements of the sliek which has been spreading out of control in the absence of action to cap broken Iranian wells in the Iran-Iraq war zone. A Reoter correspondent who

BAHRAIN (R) - Env-Sunday joined a helicopter patrol ironmental officials said Sunday over the Gulf saw a thin patch of oil about 14 miles northwest of Bahrain and seven miles off the Saudi Arabian port of Al Khobar.

Oil experts said the patches were not significant enough to cause concern for the continued operation of viral water desalination installations and fishing

At least 2,000 harrels a day of thick oil-with some unofficial estimates running as high as 8.000--have been pouring uncbecked from the Iranian wells for at least six weeks.

Top-level U.S. team to tackle C.American issues in Mexico

Gulf oil slick reported still

mainly in Iranian waters

MEXICO CITY (R) - A toplevel U.S. delegation arrives here Sunday for two-day discussions aimed at narrowing differences between the two countries over Central American policies and inter-American trade.

The talks between Secretary of tern diplomats said.

.State George Shultz, Treasury Secretary Donald Regan and

Commerce Seeretary Malcolm Baldrige and their Mexican counterparts are expected to focus on current guerrilla wars in Central America and the possibility of trade concessions to Mexico. Wes-

Joseph Jalas

ious aspects of French financing to Jordanian telecommunications Mr. Ismail said that a new fin-

French team leaves

AMMAN (J.T.) - A French del- French delegation covered varegation, headed by Posts and Telecommunications Minister Louis Mexandeau, left Amman for Paris Sunday at the end of a three-day official visit, during which it attended the formal inauguration of the new international direct dialling telephone exchange in

Mr. Mexandeau also held talks with His Majesty King Hussein, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Mudar Badran and Minister of Communications Mohammad Al Zaben.

Telecommunications Corthat working meetings with the ranking officials.

the existing agreement which totals 540 million French francs. A joint team representing the TCC and a French-consultancy firm has been formed to outline intensive training courses in tel-

ancing agreement for the second

phase of the international exc-

hange project inaugurated Sal-urday, will cover more than half

ecommunications to be offered to Jordanian technicians. The French delegation was seen

poration (TCC) Director-General off at Amman Airport by Mr. Mohammad Shahid fsmail said Zaben, Mr. Ismail and high-

Jordan urges Iran to seek to end war

BAGHDAD (J.T.) — Jordan nations to stand together and con-Sunday called on Iran to stop the front these dangers. Gulf war to safeguard the interests of the Iranian people and also urged an Islamic conference being held here to issue recommendations and resolutions nations from their main duty of that would put an end to the 31-month-old conflict.

Jordan's appeal was conveyed to the conference by Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Kamel Al Sbarif, who also praised the heroic struggle of the Iraqi people in defence of its security and boundaries in the face of aggression."

"Iran ought to seize the opportunity of this conference and seek a peaceful settlement to the Gulf war." Mr. Sharif said.

Mr. Sharif referred to the "dangers threatening Islamie nations and their holy shrines and eul-

"The Gulf war pitting the two neighbouring Islamic nations has

been planned by imperialist pow-ers to divert the Arab and Islamic liberating the Holy Land from the Zionist occupation, and therefore this war must stop so that all efforts can be concerted and all resources mobilised for the liberation of Palestine and the Holy City of Jerusalem," the minister said.

Mr. Sharif, who conveyed to the conference the greetings of His Majesty King Hussein, said that at present "Iraq and the Arab Nation have no alternative but to defend their territory and repel agg-

fraq has repeatedly said that it wants peace "because it realises the grave dongers threatening the tures" and called on all Islamic Islamic nations," he said.

of the fact that the main concern is the liberation of the West Bank Iraq sinks 4 Iranian vessels near Gulf port scene of intensive conflict since

BAGHDAD (R) — The Iraqi navy sank four enemy ships in a five-hour battle near the Iranian Gulf port of Bandar Khomeini Sunday, an Iraqi higb command

communique said. Three other ships escaped the

raqi assault, it added. The communique did not identify the ships and gave no further details of the action, which took place on the seventh day of a new

Iranian offensive in the 31month-old Gulf war. Meanwhile. Baghdad newspapers Sunday quoted the com-

mander of Iraq's Fourth Army Corps. Maj.-Gen. Hisam Sabah Al Fakhri, as saying his troops had killed 30,000 franians in battles over the past four days. A military communique Sat-

urday night said Iraqi troops had killed more than 4.650 Iranians in fighting on a 10-kilometre long

buttlefront in Misan Province.

did not specify when. Sunday's communique said all Iraqi naval units involved in the sea battle returned safely to base. It also said Iraqi planes Sunday

last Sunday.

shot down an Iranian twin rotor Chmook helicopter near Al Bakr, at the northeast of the Gulf. In other action, Iranian amillery shelled the southern Iraqi port of

The communique said the bat-

tles occurred in "recent days" but

Basrah and the border township of Mandali, killing a woman, the communique added. Gen. Fakhri was quoted as say-

ing Iran was using a new tuetic in its latest offensive by merging regular and volunteer troops in bat-

He also said Iran was using children over 10 years of age who were "waged like hordes of sheep towards the Iraqi defenders without any target or direction."

EATURES

Euckingham Palace displeased over Royal Service

ished.

By Arthus Spiegelman

NEW YORK — Royalty expects its imployees to respect its privacy, even after bowing out of service, as the former gentleman's to Brit-ia's Prince Charles is finding

To show his pleasure at having served the prince for 12 years, the courtly, courteous former valet. Stephen Barry, has written a book called Royal Service, a 246-page lon. Valentine Day's card to the nex. King of England.

E.: to show its displeasure. Buchingham Palace has effectively had the book banned

from being printed in Britain.

Which is not to say that the valet-turned-author is wringing his hands in dismay at the manner in which he is being treated by his former employers now that he is out of the palace.

Barry, 34, is having a grand old time, staying in the best American hotels because not only is his book being published here, it is also zooming up the best-seller's lists.

"I am not concerned, not concerned in the least. Obviously, the palace is not pleased by the precedent my book is setting, so they are being very cautious." Barry said the other day.

The precedent Barry was ref- Queen's it was done with a ban-

erring to is simple: One may loyally serve the British royal family but one may not loyally write about them after service has fin-

Earlier this year the royal family threatened Britain's The Sun newspaper with court action after it published stories from another former employee about life in Buckingham Palace.

When employees are accepted for work at the palace, they sign an oath not to write about their work. But when Barry did so he was only 17 and therefore legally under age. And when he was transferred to the prince's staff from the

foot brim. (My nearest beach is an

The problem with public fitting

hour and a half -- by jet).

colour was wrong for mc.

Both factors turned out to be a legal loophole that allowed Barry to write, but not necessarily to

publish in Britain. According to his agent. Luc-

ianne Goldberg, "Sidgewick and Jackson were all set to publish it when they were called to the paiace and told by the prince's private secretary that they would be enjomed in court if they dared."
Goldberg added. "I got sent a

flurry of warning letters so I just wrote back saying 1776. meaning we fought a war with the British and won. It's the hottest gift item in Britain at the moment and we are considering publishing it in Ireland and importing it to Lon-

Barry says that he gave the palace a draft of the book to examine and received it back with the comment "harmless" from the prince's private secretary. I had to return the outfit. The

He adds that he took this "harmless" as a sign to publish and be damned.

Anyway, he said, as far as he can tell the royals like the book. Princess Diana, whom he ran into recently, asked him how the book was doing while Prince Charles. whom be also saw recently, asked him what he was going to do with all the money.

"I told him I might open a small hotel," Barry said.

This apparently amused the prince who was similarly entertained at learning the name of these outbursts by saying. "Don't the American magazine that ser- worry. I have to take it out on ialised the book. Barry said the someone." prince exclaimed, "Good Housekeeping? Oh dear."

The former valet's book is perfcct "Good Housekeeping" fare: Good-natured, always respectful, fairly discreet and in the words of the prince's private secretary.

It reveals that the prince never says anything harsher than "bloody." never buys his own clothes, dislikes smoking and refused to speak to Idi Amin when the Ugandan dictator appeared at the state funeral of Kenyan leader Jomo Kenyatta.

It also reveals that Prince Charles hates chocolate mousse, especially with nuts, but will pretend to be delighted when served it at dinners he must attend.

The book also said the prince was furious when the English Sunday Mirror newspaper claimed that Princess Diana has spent a night on the royal train with Prince Charles before their wedding because the event never occurred.

Barry said that many people now confront him with the questions: "O.K., where's the dirt? Where's the sex?

'I ask them how much sex and dirt is in their lives. The prince. you know, leads a very disciplined

Barry added that the prince is

also one of the most tolerant of men, although he did something lose his temper with his valent on gruelling royal tours. He added the prince explained

That comment is not in the

Spain's killer oil mystery still unsolved

By Mark Baillie Restur

MADRID - Two years after striking down 20,000 Spaniards and killing more than 300, a mystery disease caused by tainted cooking oil still baffles international exp-, erts who warn it could break out

"We are dealing entirely with the unknown," Dr. Roy Goulding. said at the end of a four-day intemational meeting which tried to hring together all available data.

"Denatured" rape-seed oil, dyed and altered for industrial use, was refined and mixed with animal fats and sold illegally as cheap cooking oil by itinerant vendors, mainly in the Madrid areas in the spring of 1981.

Its effects ranged from deformation of limbs and lung failure to self-destruction of the body's immune system -- a unique and mysterious set of symptoms named toxic oil syndrome.

"So long as the precise cause remains undiscovered, no assurance can be given that this type of disease will not occur again. perhaps in some other country," the meeting concluded.

First diagnosed as a new form of pnenmonia, the disease's effects multiplied rapidly and caused a wave of near-hysteria during the two-month period it took the authorities to identify the oil as the cause. Cooking oil of all kinds then fell under suspicion in a country whose diet relies heavily on it.

Up to 2,000 people have been seriously disabled and the official figure of 338 deaths is disputed by Victims' Associations who put the caused the outbreak of disease. total at more than 400.

Theories abound but the meeting two weeks ago, sponsored by the World Health Organisation and the Spanish team monitoring toxic oil developments, was unable to identify what caused the virulent combination of illnesses.

"The combined clinical picture and the pathology findings are unique...the total perspective of chronic effects is yet to develop."

the meeting's report said. Most victims were first hit in the lungs, where tissue growths and gathering fluid blocked passages and threatened them with respirotory collapse. Muscle pains, fever, stiff joints and skin rashes quickly followed.

cles withered, the skin hardened and went dark, limbs were deformed, eyes were affected and circulation troubles appeared, leading some doctors to believe it had speeded up the ageing process.

As the disease progressed, mus-

Although one treatment saved the lives of some victims of lung failure, "no overall benefit has been established from any other drug treatment," the report said.

In some cases the body's immune system started attacking itself and one theory says the toxic oil released free radicals in the body

highly reactive compounds which attacked cell membranes. According to the theory, the cells reacted by building scar tissue which in the worst cases blocked major organs.

Other studies say the free radicals theory is not proven. And even if it were, it would not explain what element in the toxic oil

This question led the meeting to warn governments that the discuscould reappear elsewhere for race-seed oil and similar edible oils are widely utilised as articles of diet throughout the world and undergo various chemicals and physical treatments that may modify their constitution."

The report concluded that the only available defence against firther outbreaks was strict legislation on food standards, backed up by a nation-wide network of

inspectors.

The lack of such laws prevented rapid action when the toxic oil his Spain and faster reaction by the health suthorities could have saved lives, sources at the raceting

Cooking oil were introduced by the new Socialist government in January. Health Minister Emest Lisch told the meeting "we need a bigger and better trained team of inspectors but we have made pro-

Poor coordination when the toxic oil syndrome first struck hampered the collection and study of data and even made it difficult to obtain samples of the oil, the report said.

Technical details of the "denatured' oil have just been released and the investigators hope this will provide them with enough recreated toxic oil for thorough After nearly two years of res-

earch, data presented to the meeting left the experts unable "to point to any particular batches of that oil being responsible and less still to any distinct component of the oil".

Lon't eliminate fitting-room mirrors

By Erma Bambeck

The quality of my life has impround enormously since I've been shopping for clothes by mail.

it's hard to believe that just a little thing like eliminating fitting-room mirrors can make you a different person. You show me a woman who tries on a bathir. I suit wearing nylons up to her knees, and I'll show you a woman who will never be the same again,

I've never been good at imagining what a dress on the hanger will look like wrapped around my body, this way, all I have to do is to thumb through mountains of catak tues and live out my fantasies.

can be the nymph on page 73 who is wearing a dress with a dress waist of bold black polka do with a seven-foot lemon yellev sash wound around her hips. . If r the dramatic little beauty on,

the cover with the pouty lips who has layered a blouse and sweater and can still get her arms through the jacket.

Or the sultry blonde wearing a satin "teddy" body suit that if I ever got into would have to be removed... surgically.

I buy anything this one catalogue model wears. The moment I looked at her. I realised how much alike we were. We have the same dramatic flair, the same adventurous style, the same good

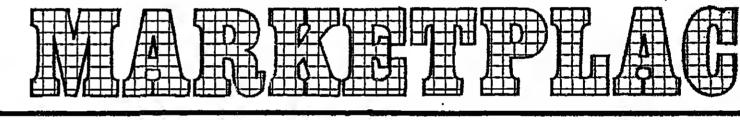
Oh, there are little differences. She is 6-2, has hair down to her waist that she draws back from her face into a bun, weighs 97 pounds, is black and was six months old the year I started on estrogen, but we can wear the same clothes.

Last month, she modelled a clinging silk dresss of blues and greens that exposed her knee to the hip and a beach hat with a three-

rooms is that the tryonee has no control over them. At home, it's the best of all worlds. The mirror is anached to my bathroom door. There are 14 inches to stand between the mirror and the toilet bowl. I am farsighted, giving me blurred vision when I look into it. If for any reason the dress seems tight. I pull out my scale, By propping it up against the toilet bowl brush holder, it will register three pounds less. If I need more reassurance. I put it on the carpet in front of the lavatory which subtracts another five pounds.

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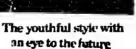


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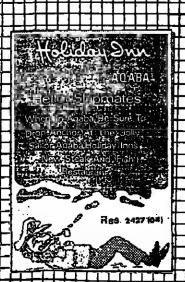
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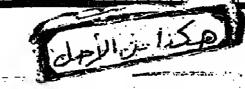
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Medical conference slated for May 10

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Third Jordanian Medical Conference will open in Amman on May 10 under royal patronage, according to the conference's Secretary-General Dr. Mahmoud Al Hun-

He told the Jordan Times that at least 16 world renowned medical specialists, in addition to 41 Jordanian specialists and a representative from the World Hea-Ith Organisation (WHO) will take part in the three-day conference which will be open at the Palace of Culture.

The participants will hear the presentation of 41 working papers dealing with the treatment of a number of diseases and vaccines. Dr. Huneidi said.

These he added, will include an examination of a virus that attacks the ductless gland, as well as blood disorders, heart disease and heart surgery in addition to the use of vaccines as preventive medicine.

Gold smugglers caught

AMMAN (J.T.) - Jordanian customs officials Saturday seized 87 kilogrammes of gold smuggled into the country inside three lorries intercepted at Umm Al Hiran south of Amman.

A report in Al Ra'i newspaper Sunday said that the illicit merchandise, estimated to be worth JD 370,000, was seized while being transferred from secret compartments in the lorries to three private

The vehicles have been impounded by the Amman customs office. while the gold has been transferred to the Central Bank of Jordan, It will be held there pending the payment of customs duty and fines by the owners who will then be permitted to take possession of the gold,

Sa'egh arrives to take up AOAS appointment

AMMAN (J.T.) - The newly national, was appointed to the appointed Director-General of the Arab Organisation of Administrative Sciences (AOAS), Dr. March 9. Nasser Al Sa'egh, arrived here Sunday to take up his post.

Dr. Sa'egh, a Saudi Arabian dan,

NORTHERN JORDAN VAL-

LEY (Petra) — Minister of Social

Development In'am Al Mufti will

Monday in the town of Kraimeh in

the Jordan Valley open a book

exhibition as part of Jordan's cel-

ebration of National Book Week.

town's community centre. has

been organised in cooperation

with the Department of Libraries.

Documentation and National

On display will be books and periodicals issued in Jordan over

municipalities and ways of promoting public services will be opened here Tuesday by Minister.

of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al

Taking part in the seminar will be 39 mayors from governorates

all over the country who will hear a lecture on 'local adm-

inistration" by Mr. Momani and

another on "national pride" by

Dr. Adnan Badran, president of

the Yarmouk University. The uni-

versity is organising the seminar in

conjunction with the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and

The mayors will then discuss

such subjects as ways of protecting

the environment, means of improving public services, local gov-

ernment, development plans, Jordan's national economy, mun-

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Administration seminar to begin AQABA (Petra) - A seven-day seminar on the work of Jordan's

The exhibition, to be held in the

position at a meeting by the AOAS's board in Riyadh on

Dr. Sa'egh, the first Saudi to be appointed to the post, succeeds Dr. Abdullah Al Zu bi from Jor-

Mufti opens book display the past three years, in addition to posters which depict the DLDNA's activities since 1977.

Meanwhile, an exhibition of Islamic books was opened at the also present small gifts and bou-Zarqa secondary school for girls. quets to traffic policemen on duty, while the committee plans to issue The exhibition was opened by the a statistical bulletin showing the Ministry of Education's Director number of road accidents in Jorof Education in the Amman area Mr. Farous Badran. The exhdan over the past three years. Simibition will be open Wednesday to ilar events will be held in other school parties from the Zarqa regparts of the country, the committee said.



Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour (second from left! Sunday meets with Turkish Minister

of State for Economy and Trade Refik Sermet Pasin (far left) (Petra photo)

minerals, says Pasin AMMAN (J.T.) - Turco-Jordanian economic reltheir satisfaction with Turkey's participation in the impations and the possibility of increasing the volume of trade between the two countries were reviewed here Sunday by Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour and the visiting Turkish Minister of State for

Economy and Trade Refik Sermet Pasin. During the meeting, the Tur- 'rease its economic and trade cookish minister expressed readiness to increase Turkey's imports of Jordanian phosphates for this and coming years. Mr. Asfour welcomed Turkey's decision to inc-

peration with Jordan and explored the prospect of exporting Jordanian potash and other products to Turkey.

Turkey hopes to boost

imports of Jordanian

Both ministers also expressed

lementation of Jordanian development projects. Mr. Pasin, who arrived here

Saturday on a two-day visit en route to Kuwait, and Mr. Aslour then discussed cooperation between Jordan and Turkey in the technical, scientific and tourist fie-

Later the same day, Mr. Pasin left for Kuwait to open a Turkish

Traffic Day preparations announced

AMMAN (Petra) - A special celebration will be held at Al Hussein Youth City on Jordanian "Traffic Day" (May 4th) to honour 50 citizens for their highstandard of driving.

The announcement was made here Sunday by a special committee, which is organising the day's activities, at a meeting held at the Ministry of the Interior.

The committee, chaired by the ministry's Assistant Under-Secretary Hashem Abu Abboud, said that it will also hold a seminar on good driving to mark the occ-

On the day, teams of scouts will

Kuwait welcomes traders

AMMAN (Petra) - Kuwait's assy's consular section will require ambassador to Jordan Ibrahim 'nearly one week to issue visas to Jasim Al Baho said Sunday that Jordanian merchants wishing to his country would be willing to go to Kuwait. issue visas to Jordanian traders wishing to visit Kuwait.

Speaking at a meeting with officials from the Amman Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Baho said that, due to an influx of applications for visits to Kuwait, the Kuwaiti emh-

The amhassador discussed ways

of promoting trade between the two countries with chamber officials, and the latter then commeeted that the issuing of visas is bound to facilitate the exchange of trade between the two countries.

Jordan trade team returns

AMMAN (J.T.) - A Jordanian economic and trade delegation returned to Amman Saturday at the end of a week-long visit to Egypt where talks eentred on ways of bolstering economic and trade relations between Jordan and Egypt. During the visit the del-egation initialled an agreement on

trade which will be signed officially in the near future.

The delegation, led by Ministry of Industry and Trade Under-Secretary Mohammad Saleh Al Hourani, grouped representatives from both the private and public

Youth problem centre to open

AMMAN (Petra) — A seminar for children will be held at Hay Nazzal Community Development Centre in Amman on April 23 to mark Jordanian Children's Day.

The three-day seminar is desgned to encourage children to discuss problems experienced at home and at school with a view to solving them, the committee preparing for the seminar said here Sunday.

It said 45 schoolchildren from the Amman region will attend the seminar, along with teachers and students from the University of Jordan's department of sociology.

The committee said that it had prepared a full programme for the seminar which includes film shows and liaison with institutions specialising in child care services.

Rifa'i, Odeh exhibit work

AMMAN (Petra) - An art exhibition featuring the work of Makram Rifa'i and Abdul Naser Odeh was opened at the Alia Art Gallery in Shmeisani Sunday.

On display for three days are 54 Makram and the rest having been eral public.

Mr. Haidar Mahmoud. director-general of the Department of Culture and Arts, onened the exhibition at a ceremony attended by members of the Jordanian Fine Arts Association and paintings, 28 of which belong to an audience made up of the gen-

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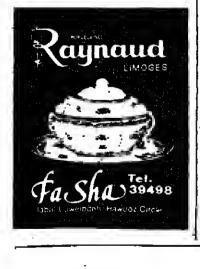
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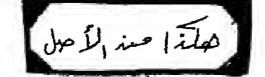
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New wave of terror

"NOBLE sons of Sidon and environs, we shall accomplish our slogan: no Palestinian in the land of Lebanon, whatever the obstacles in our path... belp us to drive out the strangers from Lebanon and especially from your heroic city, which suffered the tyranny and sabotage of the Palestinians."

This is from a leaflet, signed by a group calling itself Revolutionaries of the Cedars, posted on the doorways of Sidon and particularly in the largely Christian villages in the hills just arove the city. It is the trademark of the latest form of persecution which has befallen the Palestinians of Israeli-occupied Lebanon. All those Palestinian families who had left their devastated camps at least once already are being driven by terror back to their camps or to the centre of Sidon and elsewbere.

Earlier this week, masked men, presumably belonging to the same Revolutionaries of the Cedars group which is in fact the pseudonym for the Falangist militiamen operating in the South of Lebanon, told 150 Palestinian squatter families to quit their homes in Sidon, threatening them with force if they did not leave within a few days, reported UNRWA's head in Lebanon last Friday. Last month, 69 families were forced to leave Sidon and go to other cities, and the threats and harassment against Palestinians in those areas are continuing on daily basis. Two of at least three raiestinians found murdered in the last few weeks had been told to leave homes they had bought and lived in for years, relief workers recently reported.

There is little doubt, even in the minds of Western diplomats and observers, that the use of terrorism against Palestinians in South Lebraon has been facilitated by the Israeli policy of arming competing militias, if not a terrorism that is carried out directly by the Israelis themselves. For, in addition to arming an anti-PLO group known as the Palestinian National Guard, which is modelled on the Israeli-armed Village Leagues in the West Eank, the Israelis have created several Shiite militias, armed the Falangists in the area and are reportedly now attempting to form a Sunni militia in Sidon. But that is not ail: remember Maj. Sa'ad Haddad and his men, the Sabra and Shatila massacres, the indiscriminate bombing of Beirut and the killing of hundreds of Palestinian and Lebanese civilians

Just when the Israelis will ever have respect - just a little bit more respect -- for human beings and human lives, we do not know. We do however know what the Israelis and their Falangist surrogates are doing to the Palestinians in Lebanon and elsewhere, and also we can see that the world is not doing a thing about it. Tragic, isn't?

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: New wave of pessimism

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and other Jordanian officials outlined at a meeting with the visiting U.S. National War College delegation the nature of Israel's settlement policies in the occupied Arab territories. Such a meeting is significant as the close ties between the U.S. and Israel has been the backbone of the Israeli aggressive potential. Israeli military superiority can only be controlled by a determined American attempt to put Israel on the right

The hope aroused by recent U.S. announcements on Lebanon have been overwhelmed by a new wave of pessimism resulting from U.S. Special Envoy Philip Habib's statement in Cairo Saturday that speculation about an imminent agreement on Lebanon is premature. American credibility has again suffered a serious setback, and only a new American move over Lebanon and the occupied Arab territories can change the American image in the Arah World for the better.

The visiting American delegation has now been familiarised with the Jordanian view of the Mideast situation. Its members must have formed a different impression from that gleaned at a meeting with Israeli Forcign Minister Shamir a few days ago. Shamir's call for American pressure on Jordan to enter the peace talks should have appeared groundless to the visiting delegation after their introduction to the real facts. They must also now know that it is Jordan that is genuinely concerned to establish a just and comprehensive

Al Dustour: Shultz's strange logic

Several American attempts have been made to save the U.S. administration from the blame resulting from the deterioration in the chances for peace in the Middle East. The situation is returning to the conditions that prevailed before the late President Sadat's visit to Israel, which resulted in the separation of Egypt from its brother

Egypt has failed to achieve real peace with Israel, and the only kind of peace Israel is interested in has proved to be that which extracts a negotiated Arab surrender. The Arabs' only choice, as offered by Israel, is to accept a return to the days of colonial reign over their land and way of life. Another aspect of the Mideast situation is the ever-increasing volume of aid granted by the U.S. to Israel, which is the cornerstone of Israel's aggressive and expansionist drive.

Last week's contradictory U.S. announcements regarding an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon do not help the improvement of conditions in the region. Minister of State George Shultz call to the Arabs to suspend its recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is a strange new development in American thinking. The justification for it is the PLO's disagreement with President

Sawt Al Shaab: U.S. lacks objectivity

The special responsibility the U.S. has assumed towards peace in the Middle East necessitates an unbiased approach that eoahles it ohjectively and practically to remove obstacles standing in the path of peace. The unlimited support the U.S. has offered to Israel is definitely one of these obstacles, and the main reason for Israel's continued aggressioo against the Palestinian people.

U.S. Minister of State George Shultz's statement, in which he blamed the Palestine Liheration Organisation (PLO) for the failure of the American peace efforts for the region, does not indicate that the U.S. is serious in its claim to objectivity. Certainly the U.S.'s persistence in neglecting the Palestinian people's rights far from helps the situation.

How to generate additional domestic revenues for the government

If I were asked about the number one problem in the Jordan economy I would say, without hesitation, that it is the government budget financing. This problem has been chronic since 1921. Every national development plan since 1962 has included in its overall objectives the iocrease of the government's reliance on domestic revenues to cover its recurring expenditures. This objective is also valid for the present fiveyear plan 1981-1985.

How did the Jordan government manage to face this problem? Indeed, the problem is still there and its seriousness becomes obvious when external budget support payments are delayed. However, the government has pursued two main policies towards solving. this problem:

First, it bas tried, with noticeable success, to generate more domestic revenues from

direct and indirect taxes, fees, licences and other sources. The result has been the trippling of domestic revenues from JD 107.6 millioo in 1976 to JD 359.2 million in 1982.

Second, the allocation of an increasing portion of budget support to capital expenditures required by the development projects. Thus, domestic revenues covered an increasing percentage of recurring exp-enditures; from 58 per cent in 1976 to 79 per cent in 1982. The present five-year plan aims at reaching a percentage of 100.4 in 1985.

get includes an over ambitious target to enhance domestic revenues to meet 90 per cent of recurring expenditures. It seem even more over ambitious seen the light of the unrealistic budgeted growth of 18 per cent in domestic revenues while rec-

urring expenditures are kept

The 1983 government bud-

within a 3.5 per cent increase in 1983 over 1982.

in sum, there are three major factors that require continuous efforts on the part of the Jordan government to gen-erate more domestic reveoues for the budget: The permanent objective of relying on domestic revenues and seeking external aid only for development projects; the unrealistic budget figures of 1983 in view of the economic slowdown which will reduce real direct and indirect tax revenues; and the delay in receiving Arab financial aid for political reasons of their own.

The government, then, has urgently to consider ways and means to generate additional domestic revenues. However, not every tool for that purpose is plausible in the context of the slowdown of private economic activities. An increase of the tax rate might lead to the opposite result and instead reduce. tax revenues. Thus, measures other than an increase of the tax burden should be sought at least during 1983 and early

In line with this analysis, 1 recommend three measures which will generate additional domestic revenues for the govemment.

First, increase the airport fee on departures (usually called departure tax) from two to five dinars. Such an increase would not contradict other objectives including tourism due to its marginal significance. How-ever, it would bring over JD 7.5 million a year to the gov-ernment budget in addition to its present yield of JD 4.5 million. The increase could coincide with the inauguration of Queen Alia Airport which cost more than JD 100 million. In other words, the higher fee is collected against hetter service.

Second, there are 120 thousand expatriate workers in Jordan whose work and residence are regulated by the ministries of labour and interior. The administration of work and residence permits carries a cost for the goverament. Other countries, including the oil-exporting Kuwait, have imposed fees for issuing work permits. If a fee of five dinars were collected for a: work permit, a total revenue of JD 600 thousand could be raised annually. Such funds may be used to cover most of the recurring expenses of emp-

Training Corporation. Third, the government may wish to sell part of its portfolio in the mixed business enterprises either to the private sector or to the public corporations; namely, the Social

loyment offices, the Occ-

upational Health and Safety

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Security Corporation, the Pension Fund and the Postal Savings Fund. This would serve two main purposes; It would rationalise the government direct investment policy through the creation of a revolving fund to be used for new projects. It would also avail to the government additional funds in time of need. Government capital subscriptions would not theo remain dormant but would serve as a useful policy tool for revenue generation and promotion of new projects. The government can now sell upto JD 20 million of its shares.

These sources of financing may appear to be of small significance when compared with the total volume of the goverament hudget, but it should always be the practice in public finance to look for additional sources of revenues regardless of their initial levels.



Dual control of missiles demanded

By Leslie Dowd Reuter

LONDON - Pressure is growing tcher to press the United States for dual physical control over 160 cruise nuclear missiles due to be

based in Britain. Mrs. Thatcher has made clear she has no intention of doing so and does not even plan to raise the issue when she meets President Reagan next month at the Williamsburg economic summit. "We know of no plans or reason for the issue to come up," an aide said. We are fully satisfied with the existing arrangements that provide for a joint decision on missile

The arrangements, going back 30 years, provide for joint political decisions on the use of American weapons in Britain. Analysts see little prospect of a policy change, but many Britons are not satisfied.

They range from the opposition labour and social democratic parties, which demand that a British finger share the missile button, to senior supporters of Mrs. Thatcber, who seek at least a clear restatement by the United States of the British role.

Britons would overwhelmingly prefer a form of so-called "dual key" control on the missiles, 96 of

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A recent opinion poll indicated issue. out of 100 people favour dual cootrol. already applied to thousands of short-range battlefield nuclear weapons based in Europe where the host country controls the missile and the U.S. the warhead. Two months ago The Times reported that senior colleagues of Mrs. Thatcher were pressing ber at least to elicit from President Reagan a clear and unambiguous statement about what the British role would be in an emergency.

A more immediate problem for Mrs. Thatcher is that some 50 of her own Conservative supporters, many seeing the issue in terms of British pride and sovereignty, are threatening to force a vote on the issue soon when Parliament debates disarmament.

They signed a recent draft motion drawn up by Conservative back-bencher Alan Clark calling for a "mechanism for sovereign

physical control." The question of who actually fires the weapons has been overshadowed by the mounting controversy in Europe over plans to station 572 Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles in NATO countries as a counter to Soviet SS-20 missiles.

In handling the issue, Mrs. Tha-

which are to be based, starting in ther must bear in mind the approaching British general election. expected this year, in which basing of cruise missiles may be a major

> Many of her advisers are anxious to deflate the growing peace movement, which turned out 125,000 protesters against nuclear weapons over the Easter holiday. Nor would NATO be pleased to see the control issue assume a momentum of its own. While still not a problem for European political leaders, it could huild up if basing of cruise missiles goes ahead without an agreement with the Soviet Union on limiting medium-range missiles. Italy is claiming the right of final control over the use of 112 cruise missiles due to be deployed at Comiso, Sicily. European diplomats have predicted that pressure for a "safety catch" on the missiles will mount

> as deployment draws near. Britain could in fact have dual control by huying the missiles at a cost of around one hillion sterling (\$1.5 billion), Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine said recently. "The offer of dual key was available," he said. There was no case for the additional strain on the defence budget," currently running at 14 hillion sterling (\$21 bil-

He additionally argued that to introduce a dual key system at this

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stage would be costly, delay installation of the missiles and damage trust between Britain and the U.S.

The basis of the understanding. never fully published, that would involve Mrs. Thatcher in weapons decisions was laid by President Truman and Prime Minister Clement Attlee, who in 1951 resolved that American use of British bases in an emergnecy "would be a matter for joint decision."

on Wednesday made clear it is good enough for the Conservative government when he was asked in Parliament if British would demand a veto. "The question of a veto does not arise because the weapons could only be used on the basis of a joint decision," he said. According to journalists who have seen the big cruise missile shelters now being huilt at Greenham common, there is likely in practice to be some British physical involvement as British personnel will man the hase alongside 2,200 Americans.

In times of tension the missiles. carried on lorries, would he moved from the base on to public roads and deployed to lessen their vulnerability. Also, although details have not been released for security reasons, British help may be prominent in making the missiles ready for hring.

Foreign Secretary Francis Pym content.

(GDP) had fallen 30 per cent betlions of dollars of damage had been done to factories, roads and of 51.6 hillion. All of this came on top of the 1972 earthquake, which

has still not recovered to its prewar level. Last year it declined in real terms by 3.5 per cent, after 8.9 per cent growth in 1981, partly because of the floods and drought which struck Nicaragua in rapid succession.

Cordobas, GDP is the same now

from coffee, cotton and sugar totalled only \$408 million last year. This was \$228 million less than in 1977, considered the last year of "normal" economic activity. Imports, however, in 1982 were \$779 million, higher than in 1977, and all of them essectial.

Debt servicing

The critical situation is further lioo. Last year debt payments

The estimated current account deficit of \$450 million was financed by external borrowings from official sources. With net which they suspect was used to foreign exchange reserves about buy arms to kill their supporters. \$120 million in the red, the few dollars available are being frugally rationed. Oo the well-hidden hlack market a dollar huys 60 Cordobas, compared with the official exchange rate of 10, and the some of the social advances.

Unlike their ally President Fidel

Nicaragua's fragile revolution Castro of Cuba, who repudiated dehts owned to U.S. banks when be took power, the Sandmistas

have remained within the Western

banking orbit, although there are

radical Marxists in the gov-

ernment who would dearly love to

ditch the \$920 million of com-

mercial bank debt which was res-

cheduled in 1981. Such a drastic

step would exclude Nicaragua

from all sources of Western fin-

ancing, a senior government eco-

nomist said, throwing the burdens

of funding the country on its rel-

per cent of its gross \$550 million

hloc countries. The rest came from

multilateral institutions such as

the Inter-American Development

Bank, or from Western countries.

It received no oew loans from its

international baok creditors,

however, and is being squeezed

of its projects, worth \$192 million

over the next three years if app-

roved, reached the decision-

making stage because of political

Debt extension

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will be very stretched to pay the

extra interest charges on this debt

In 1984 Nicaragua is supposed

to pay the interest which has been

compounded and capitalised.

since it is currently paying below

the prevailing international int-

erest rates. This will push the debt

service hill to some \$400 million.

over 80 per cent of exports, said

Dr. Sergio Ramirez, a member of

The government is also talking

the country's three-man junta.

of introducing a foreign investment law in the summer to

bring in capital. But even if this

happens, which most observers

consider improhable as the har-

dcore Sandmistas are against it, it

is unlikely that foreign investors

The Sandinistas' Marxist rhe-

toric and the confiscation of some

land and factories has already cau-

sed the Nicaraguan private sector,

which still controls 56 per cent of

the economy, to put businesses on

by the U.S., Nicaragua has suc-

ceeded in diversifying its imports. Purchases from the U.S. in 1982

were reduced to 19 per cent of

total imports, compared to 26 per

cent in 1981. New export markets

dire in the short term, but the cou-

ntry does have substantial unt-

apped agricultural and mineral

It is understood that the Int-

emational Monetary Fund (IMF)

is interested in helping Nicaragua.

But the Sandinistas have not for-

gotten the last controversial IMF

loan at the height of the civil war,

Observers say it would be pol-

itically disastrous to sign an IMF

agreement now and have to sub-

mit to a stronger dose of rec-

essionary medicine and sacrifice

Nicaragua's economic woes are

have also been opened up.

potential

As if foreseeing a trade boycott

a care and maintenance basis.

will be attracted to Nicaragua.

next year.

Nicaragua will amost certainly have no option but to negotiate a further three-to five-year ext-

Sr. Mario Franco, a senior off-

out of World Bank financing.

World Bank in 1982 be

pressure from Washington.

Last year Nicaragua received 40

erseas funding from Socialist

uctant Soviet ally,

By William Chislett

Four years after the left-wing Sandinistas overthrew the U.S.backed dictatorsbip of General Anastasio Somoza, the Central American Republic of Nicaragua is still struggling to climb out of the economic crater left hy its civil war. Its chances of success are being made more difficult by the counter-revolutionary offensive which has been stepped up in the ast two months.

More than 1,200 infiltrators, mainly former members of Geo. Somoza's National Guard, are now said to have penetrated into Nicaragua from their bases in oeighbouring Honduras, which the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency has chosen as the focal point for its covert action against the country.

The Nicaraguan regular army of about 20,000 men equipped with some Soviet tanks and a militia of some 50,000 are far superior to the counter-revolutionary forces icial with Nicaragua's Intin their present form. But the eroational Fund for Rec-'contras" are managing to tie onstruction, said the country recdown a lot of the government's eived no new money from the oney, time and men, and are also sabotaging the country's valuable

export crops of cottoo and coffee. The "contras" are also succeeding in making the government switch the emphasis of its policy away from economic reconstruction to defence, thus delaying economic recovery and giv-

ing Nicaraguans cause for dis-Nicaragua lay in ruins when the

Sandinistas came to power in July 1979. An estimated 50,000 people had been killed in the fighting, the Gross Domestic Product ween 1977 and 1979, tens of milpower facilities and the Sandinistas inherited an external debt flattened Managua.
Today the GDP of \$2.3 billion

Measured in constant 1958

as it was 10 years ago, which means that, given the continued rise in the population —at present 2.9 million — average per capita income has plummeted. Meanwhile export revenue

compounded by the high cost for Nicaragua of servicing its debi, which has ballooned to \$2.8 hilwere \$190 million or 46 per cent of exports.

parallel market rate of 28.

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Non-recognition of PLO 'a diplomatic anamoly'



Dr. Issam Sartawi, the PLO's roving envoy who was assassinated Sunday in Portugal, wrote this commentary shortly before the recent Algiers meeting of the Palestine National Council.

PARIS -- The failure by the United States to recognise the Palestine Liberation Organisation is a troubling blot on the American diplomatic record. The moral and political imperatives that characterise Palestinian-American relations argue urgently for a serious effort to correct this anomaly. For its part, the PLO bas done what it can to remove the obstacles to better relations -- demonstrating the strong desire of

onstrating the strong desire of many in the organisation for a just and honourable peace.

The Palestinian people's claim to nationhood and their right to choose their own representatives should be accepted by the United States as an malienable right -- a right that cannot be denied on ground of political expediency and shifting definitions of national interest. Nor should recognition of

will of a third party. It is a decision that bears directly on America's long-range interests

The most serious obstacle to improved relations was created by then Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in 1975 when he stated that the United States would not recognise the PLO until it recognised Israel's right to exist and accepted United Nations Security Council Resolution 242. Since then, successive U.S. administrations have ratified the Kissinger commitment, making it the backbone of America's Middle East policy.

The government of Israel has greatly benefited from Mr. Kissinger's commitment — even though the Israeli government itself sought contact with the PLO when found such ties convenient. Early this year, for example, the Begin government sent an Israeli delegate, Arie Eliav. to negotiate with the PLO about exchanging prisoners. Thus, ironically, Israel permitted itself what it adamantly denied to the United States.

Yet neither the Kissinger edict not Israeli pressure has prevented Palestinian-American contacts. On several occasions American authorities accepted direct PLO belp, as for example in 1976 when the PLO protected and pro-

this claim be subordinated to the visioned the U.S. embassy in Beirut and helped evacuate American citizens from Lebanon. This so impressed Mr. Kissinger that he sent a personal letter of thanks to Yasser Arafat.

Some years later, during the Iranian hostage crisis, the PLO was instrumental in arranging the release of female and black American prisoners. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance acknowledged this help with another message of thanks to Mr. Arafat. Clearly. Palestinian-American contacts can be of immense value to both

More recently, the assistant secretary of state for Near Eastero affairs, Nicbolas A. Veliotes, stressed that the Reagan administration views the Kissinger commitment not as an ultimatum but as an invitation for the PLO to establish relations with the United States. A careful review of the Palestinian record demonstrates that the PLO has formally accepted this invitation by removing the last remaining obstacles in the way of formal relations with the nited States.

The Palestine National Council took the first important step in April 1981 when it unanimously endorsed the Leonid Brezhnev mitiative calling for "ensuring the

about a third of the attacking force. "The clear aim," he wrote,

"was to break the Arab morale."

Irgun headquarters vetoed the

idea. This was confirmed to me by

Meir Pa'il. a leftwing politician

and military historian who was a

Haganah intelligence officer in

Jerusalem in 1948, and was pre-

sent as an observer throughout the

Lapidot insisted, however, that

security and sovereignty of all the states in the region including those of Israel." Clearly this amounts to

an explicit recognition of Israel. The PLO has also formally accepted all the principles of Resolution 242 except the paragraph which even the United States has abandoned -- that describes the Palestinian problem as a refugee question.

Finally, in January the PLO went beyond both Mr. Kissinger's conditions and the Veliotes invitation when Mr. Arafat received an Israeli delegation headed by a retired general, Mattityahu Peled. The joint communique from the meeting, which was simultaneously broadcast by the official Palestinian news agency. Wafa, and the Israeli media. announced to the world that agreement had heen reached on joint Palestinian-Israeli action to establish a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

No one imagines that the road to peace will be easy, but, despite the divisions among us, we in the PLO have amply demonstrated a commitment to a just peace. It is now up to the United States to

there dead. When we reached the

body, we saw an old man with a

beard. My conclusion was that

what happened in the village so

terrorised these old men that they

knew being old men would not

Classified report

Meir Pa'il's report of Haganah

headquarters is still classified, but

what he remembers is "a dis-

organised massacre" after most of

the Arab resistance had ended. "It

was a massacre in hot blood," he

said." It was not planned. It was an

outburst from below with no one

to control it. Groups of men went

from house to house looting and

shooting. You could hear the cries of Arab women, Arab elders,

Arab kids. I tried to hold them

back, but I could not find their

One question still unasowered

generally-ac

is how many Arabs died at Deir

figure is 240-250, but the Irgun

has sometimes put it as low as 120.

I asked Muhammad Sammour.

the teacher who fled to Ein

Karem. To my surprise he said 93

were killed in the village and 23

prisoners were executed in Givat

Sbaul, a total of 116 out of a pop-

ulation he estimated at 800-1,000.

How bad he come to that tally?

About three days after the mas-

sacre," be replied, "rep-

resentatives of each of the five

clans in Deir Yassin met at the

Muslim offices in Jerusalem and

made a list of the people who had

not been found. We went through

the names. Nothing has happened

since 1948 to make me think this

save them.'

commanders."

-- New York Times.

Opinion--Al Ra'i

hape it won't be the last.

Randa Hahib

A cultural feast

The EEC Spring Festival which is just coming to an end was the

At long last we citizens of Amman were entitled to see and hear

Another nice surprise was the Royal Theatre with all its comfort.

All who have participated in this festival should be heartily

Another good thing is that the funds roised by this festival will

finance the Jurdanian Olympic group, though I have heard that the

funds were much less than originally expected. After all, the Royal

Theatre can unly seat 300 people, while the performers were num-

But fur a first experience we can say that it was a good one--let's

More good news un the cultural scene: the Jerash festival, which

I've heard that the well known Lebanese singer Feyrouz will be

the guest of honour. This already makes us dream of wonderful

thanked. The idea was excellent, and was the first time a festival of

this kind had been urganised outside Europe by the EEC.

erous and their stay in Amman had to be paid fur.

will begin this summer, promises to be excellent.

evenings surrounded by the Roman columns of Jerash.

No comparison with the horrible seats at the Palace of Culture.

famous names in jazz, folk dance, and chamber music.

best cultural event Amman has seen fur years.

Aqaba vs. Eilat?

By Fahd Al Fanek

Jordanian resort on the Red' Sca. Aqaba, and the Israeli Eilat, a few miles to the west, is evidently fierce. Both try to attract the European tourist. and have almost the same natural characteristics. The only difference is what each of the two Red Sea resorts can offer the tourist, apart from what mother nature has bestowed on them. A warm welcome, minimum of rules and regulations and efficiency of service are definitely among these merits.

The competition between the

Israel is obviously concerned for the cultural and political aspect of the competition. The selection by European tourisis of either of the two resorts for their vacation almost invariably predetermines their impressions and understanding of one or other side's political views on issues predominant in the region, besides the questinn of hard currency to he gained by either side.

Aware of this, the Israeli ministry of tourism arranged an international tourist festival in Eilar in March. It was attended by over 100 prominent travel agents from Israel and the USA, as well as leading travel and tourism journalists from all over the world.

Eilat has 24 tourist hotel. with a capacity of 2,500 beds. Israeli ministry of tourism sch-

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emes provide for the estublishment of 17 new hotels that would offer tourists 6,000 additional beds before the end

On the other side, Aqaba now has no more than 12 lourist hotels, with a capacity of 1.600 beds. Moreover, calls are made every now and then to halt investment in the Agaba tourism sector as things have reached an uneconomic level.

World tourist observers used to expect a prosperous future for Aqaba, which they assumed would become the most attractive resort on the Red Sen. The touristic build-up came to a halt, and hotels are now witnessing a substantial decrease in husiness. Agaba is turning into a freight port.

If Agaba loses the hattle with Eilat, it will not be because Eilat is more heautiful, or offers better hospitality or lower prices. It also will have nothing to do with political stability and security, as these are better on the Jordanian side,

The possible success of Eilar at the expense of Aqaha will simply be a result of our under-valuation of tourism. not only as an economic activity, but also as a political, social and cultural factor which strengthens our position as a

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Israeli records reveal horror of Deir Yassin

Eric Silver, Jerusalem correspondent of The Guardian, reports on recent revelations, from documentary evidence, of what really happened in the 1948 massacre.

THE Arabs of Deir Yassin belleved they were safe. Their village was not at war with the Jews, and the head man had reached an understanding with the neighbouring lewish suburb of Givat Shaul on the western lip of Jerusalem.

There was an agreement that there would be no problems between them," explains Muhammad Sammour, a retired schools inspector, sitting in his spacious stone house near the West Bank town of Ramallah. "If any of their young people attacked Deir Yassin, the lews would catch them and stop them. If anyone from Deit Yassin attacked Givat Shaul, the Arabs would stop him. There were no problems between Jews and Arabs there at that time."

On Friday, April 9, 1948, the villagers and the world learned how wrong they were. Before dawn, 35 years ago, 120 fighters from the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Gang stormed Deir Yassin from two sides. A makeshift loudspeaker van which was supposed to call on the inhabitants to surrender and thus avoid harm. stuck in a ditch, its message unh-

The Arabs put up what resistance they could -- more, as it happened, than their assailants had bargained for -- but by the end of the day, Deir Yassin was deserted and in ruins. Scores of men, women, and children were slangbtered. Others were driven in triumph by their captors through the streets of Jewisb Jerusalem and released in the Old City, A handful escaped through the hills to Ein Karem, the birthplace of John the Baptist. Muhammad Sammour, then a 26year-old teacher, spending the weekend at bome with his family, was one of them.

Alarm

By accident, or design, Jewish or Arab, Deir Yassin sounded an alarm, speeding if not provoking the flight of 700,000 Arabs from the part of Palestine that became Israel five weeks later. The name has never lost its resonance, vet the facts have remained hard to come by. There were few, if any, disinterested witnesses. By his own published account. Jacques de Reynier, of the International Red Cross, arrived on the scene two days after the massacre began.

The official Jewish leadership condemned the slaughter, while covering up its own complicity. The Haganah commander in Jerusalem. David Shaltiel, bad reluctantly approved the raid (though not the massacre) - and even sent a mortar platoon to help the attacking force out of a tight cor-

The Irgun and the Stern Gang accused the Zionist establishment of dragging their names in the mud, and insisted that Deir Yassin was a conventional military operation in which some civilians got hort, as did about 40 of their men. anyone who suggested otherwise was accused of bias or worse.

This version, which became Israeli doctrine after the former Irgun leader, Menachem Begin. became Prime Minister in 1977,

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has recently been challenged from an unexpected source, the ranks of the perpetrators.

Yisrael Segal, a reporter on the weekly magazine Koteret Rashit, unearthed extracts from testimony discreetly filed in the archives at Mr. Begin's party headquarters in Tel Aviv. They show ration, wrote: "When it comes to prisoners, women, old people, and children, there were differences of opinion, but the majority was for liquidation of all the men in the village and of any other force that opposed us, whether it be old people, women, or children." The wish for revenge, he added, was

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Benzion Cohen, who was wounded while commanding the ope-

strong after "the enemy smote us" at Gush Etzion and Atarot, two Jewish settlements near Jerusalem that "were lost until 1967."

The Irgun deputy commander. Yebuda Lapidot, claimed that the idea of a massacre came from the Stern Gang, who contributed "Destroyed" prisoners

Another Irgun officer, Yehoshua Gorodentichik, lifted a curtain on the way his men fought. "After suffering many casualties," he testified in the Tel Aviv archive, "we thought of retreating, We had prisoners, and before the retreat we decided to destroy them. We destroyed the wounded. too because, anyhowa we could not give them first aid... We also found Arab men who had dressed up as women and therefore decided to shot the women who did not make their way to the assembly point for prisoners."

The story of Arab men disguised as women is independently confirmed by Yair Tsaban, a leftwing Mapam M.P., who as a 17-year-old schoolboy was drafted to bury the dead after the Irgun and the Stero Gang had left the field. But he put a different gloss on it. "What we saw," he told me,

"were women, young children, and old men. What shocked us was at least two or three cases of old men dressed in women's clothes. I remember entering the living room of a certain house. In the far corner was a small woman with her back towards the door, sitting

figure was wrong." -- Guardian Weekly

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KUALA LUMPUR (R) - Can- land with two goals late in the first

ada and West Germany won thr- half, were happy to pack their def-

ough to Wednesday's Women's ence after scoring two more and

World Hockey Cup semifinals England's constant attacking pro-

here Sunday in a nailbiting climax duced only one goal, a Kim Gor-

They left England, who were before the end.

to their six-nation qualifying pool.

blitzed 4-2 by the second-seeded

West Germans, complaining bit-

terly about an unpiring decision

which bundled them into third

place and out of the 12-nation

beat the Soviet Union 4-0, meet

Australia while the West Germans

play the top-seeded Dutch in a

repeat of the 1981 World Cup

goal. Two minutes later Martina

Koch made it 4-1, smashing home

The third-seeded English, who

could have lost by one goal and

told the French umpire's decision

"We are sbattered. That was the

The Germans, who rocked Eng-

final which the Germans won.

The unfancied Canadians, who

tournament on goal difference.

SPORTS

World Champions Italy virtually Canada, West Germany move Waitz equals world out of European Championship to world hockey semifinals

nolders Italy faced almost certain elimination from the European Soccer Championship after they were beaten 1-0 by Romania here Saturday in a bad-tempered match marked by a string of vicious fouls.

A scorching 24 minute goal by Boloni confirmed Romania as favourites to qualify from Group Five for next year's finals in France and spelled doom for Italy.

Czechoslovakia swamped Cyprus 6-0 in Prague earlier in the day to make Italy's cause look even more hopeless. The two East European sides should now decide the outcome of the group between them in their two clashes in May and November.

HILTON HEAD ISLAND.

South Carolina (R) - Ivan Lendl

of Czechoslovakia and Guillermo

Vilas of Argentina, the top two

seeds, buttled their way to the title

match of the \$250,000 World

Championship Tennis (WCT)

Lendl needed just 45 minutes in

the semi-finals to slug his way past

fourth-seeded American Brian Teacher, 9-3, 6-3, 6-1, while Vilas

was forced into a three-hour duel

with sixth seed Tomas Smid of

Czechoslovakia, winning 7-6, 6-3.

Lendl and Vilas, regarded as the

spring linals here Saturday.

seven points from four games, two Gentile. more than Czechoslovakia and four more than Sweden and Italy.

The Italians, without a win since last July's 3-1 World Cup final victory over West Germany in Spain. never looked likely to steal the match from a powerful Romanian side which played with zest and self-confidence.

As Italian frustration grew, so did the number of perty fouls. Traditionally big favourites with the Latin Romanian fans, the Italians ended by being boord for late tackles and high kickings.

Referee Jean Vautrot of France booked four players -- Giancarlo Antognoni and Fulvio Collovati of Italy and Camataru and Augustin of Romania. He also warned lia-

two of the best clay court players

in the world, will meet for the first

time on this surface since April 11.

1982, when Lendl blew a two-set

lead and allowed Vilas to win a

marathon five-setter in a Grand

Lendl, who was casual and

joked with officials and spectators

during his quarter-final win over

American Mark Dickson on Fri-

day, was much more serious aga-

"I was getting a little upset with

myself for missing some shots and

think I got some bad calls,"

Lendl said. "My concentration

Prix final in Monte Carlo.

inst Teacher.

Romania lead the group with lians Marco Tardelli and Claudie

Although Italy needed to win. manager Enzo Bearzot pushed only Paoli Rossi up in attack in the early stages, apparently gambling on a breakaway goal.

But Rossi, hero of Italy's World Cup triumph, was blotted out by the big lorgulesce who she pherded him and helped his side take a tight grip on the game.

Balaci and Boloni made several powerful runs at the Italian defence and almost produced early goals for Camataru and Geolgau. The decisive goal came after a

foul by Collovati on Camataru Stefanescu took the free kick and passed the ball deep to Boloni who blasted a 20-metre shot past the stunned zoff in the Italian goal.

after a controversial umpiring decision early in the second half ruled out a goal that would have made the score 2-2. While the English players stood was wandering a little." Lendl was able to compensate in disbelief, a West German goal hin was picked up by forward Patfor his mistakes by rifling home nine aces, including the final two ricia-Ott. who scored a scorching

serve was "the best it's been in a long time." Teacher, who prefers hard courts, said: "I don't play on clay very often at all. I'm not used to hitting still qualified, wanted to lodge a protest over the decision but were 30 balls in a row.

points of the match, and said his

"It wasn't a matter of me not being patient. He's just a better player. I was a fittle outclassed."

Vilas took advantage of Smid's constant attacks, scoring with 35 clean passing shots.

turning point and it cost us a place in the semifinals," team manager Barbara Holland said.

was final.

a penalty comer.

Boston marathon England will feel aggrieved they are not lining up against the Dutch

BOSTON (R) -- Enveloped by acrimony and litigation and minus the world's two fastest marathon runners. America's quintessential amateur event-the Buston marathon-will be contested Monday amid continuing controversy.

don penalty stroke seven minutes

The West Germans, who had

started with a shock defeat by

underdogs Argentina and whose

recent international record has

been poor, could test the Dutch.

humid conditions and are playing

"We have got used to the hot,

Determined to preserve the amateur purity of the world's oldest and best-known marathon. race organisers have succeeded in eliminating much of the blatant commercialism that characterised last year's race.

But by refusing to guarantee 'appearance money" to leading runners, in keeping with a worldwide trend, the Boston event has failed to attract a number of top marathoners, including last year's winner. Alberto Salazar, the world record-holder.

Also missing when the field of

Boston suburb of Hopkinton will be last year's runnerup Dick Beardsley and Robert de Castella of Australia, whose time of 2:08.18 in Japan in 1981 is second only to Salazar's world-best 2:08.13 in New York last October.

much better now," team manager

But the 10th-seeded Canadians

also sounded oot a warning to the

Australians with an emphatic win

over the Soviet Union. They heat

Argentina and West Germany in

the qualifying group and needed

But they eagerly over-ran the

Russians and their most consistent

only a draw to go through.

Wolfgang Strrodter said.

Because of their absence. Monday's race is expected to be a duel between four-time winner Bill Rodgers and his close friend, Greg Meyer, who finished 11th in his only appearance here in 1981.

But even Rodgers' appearance was in doubt Sunday. The 35year-old Bostonian, entered in the event for the 10th time, has been battling a cold and said he probably would not decide until Monday whether he would race.

"I'm doing everything to get rid of it (the cold)," he said, "It's left my resistance low and has made me very tired. And when I've run. more than 7,000 sets out from the I've gotten a little dizzy."

performer, centre forward Darfinish she had to settle for an idelene Stoyka, brought her goal tally ntical time. to four with two superb goals. Commonwealth Games bronzemedallist Gratton gave up his job as a physical education teacher Fastest men will miss

Alison Roe's time set in the New

York event two years ago after

Britain's Mike Gratton strode to

and looked on schedule to imp-

rove Roe's mark. But in a thrilling

overall victory in 2:09.44,

marathon Sunday.

two weeks ago to concentrate fulhime on running. And his decision paid off because he achieved his main aim of earning a place in Britain's team for the World Athletics Championships in Helsinki

best in London race

LONDON (R) - Grete Waitz of Ciration caught early pac-Norway equalled the women's world best time of two hours 25 rium and three Ethiopians after minutes 29 seconds in the London 4.14 km and broke clear with computation Gerry Fielme. Waitz matched New Zealander

He made his decisive horst over the Tower of London publics after 37 km and opened up a 60-metre gap which Helme could

not clase. Waitz overcame a knee injury and cramp in the 42.195 km test Helme finished second in 2:10:12 and Henrik Jorgensen of Denmark was third:

Gratton, third last year, said: 1 was a bit worried beforehand beeause I was running well five weeks. ago and thought I might be over the top.

"Gerry almost broke me at 22" miles (35.40 km) but then when we went over the cobbies he seemed to tense up and I made my MOVC.

Rain produced near-perfect conditions for the 18,000 starters.

Japan says Moscow reluctant to join 1988 Seoul Olympics

TOKYO (R) - The Soviet Union mpics after saying Moscow would eign Ministry spokesman said

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Kapitsa during talks last week in Tokyo expressed "some reservation, it not definite, to Soviet participation in the games," the spokesman said.

Yosbio Karita, deputy director-general of the ministry's information bureau, was commenting on local press reports that Kapitsa had hinted Moscow might

boycou the games. Kapitsa referred to the Oly-

has voiced reservations about not recognise South Kotea or acc-.. competing in the 1988 Seoul- ept a proposal under which West-Olympic Games, a Japanese For- hington and Tokyo would recugnise South Korea in return for Soviet and Chinese recognition of South Korea, Karita said.

North Korea has opposed the Seoul games, saying South Korea was seeking to use them "as a tool for realising its old plot for perpetuating the division tof the Kprcan ceninsula) contrary to the idea of the Olympic movement."

The North has also opposed the cross recognition plan and the proposed simultaneous admission to the United Nations of North and South Korca.

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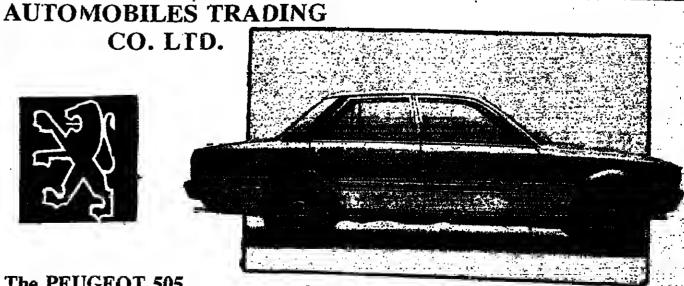
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Budget could boost Canadian economy

OTTAWA (R) — The Canadian economy, tentatively emerging from the depths of recession. could receive \$4 billion boost when Finance Minister Marc Lalonde presents his budget on Tuesday, financial analysts said.

Job creation programmes and sales tax cuts are expected to be major elements in the govemment's economic package. they said.

Unlike other leading Western countries, Canada still bas an inflation rate of seven per cent while one in eight Canadians is out of work, the highest figure since the

great depression of the 1930s. The ruling Liberals. 20 points behind the opposition Con-

LONDON (R) - The British

government is to ban lead in petrol

because of concern over its health

effects, press reports said Sunday.
The reports, which officials did

not confirm or deny, appeared in

several newspapers on the eve of

the publication of a major report

Monday the Royal Commission

on Environmental Pollution will

publish a report which, according

to widespread leaks, will rec-

ommend that all lead should be

Prime Minister Margaret Tha-

tcher was expected to respond swi-

The newspaper reports said

banned from petrol.

servatives in opinion polis, insist the economy is on the upturn, poining to renewed business confidence and a rise in gross domestic product.

Mr. Lalonde, binting that job stimulation would be a top priority, told parliament last week that his budget, the first since he took over the crucial portfolio last September, would reflect the government's concern with unemolovment.

With Canadians saving 14 per cent of their salaries -- twice as much as Americans do -- Lalonde is keen to boost consumer spending, possibly by cutting sales

ftly and positively to its rec-

Environmentalists say a ban on

lead in petrol would be a major

victory for anti-pollution cam-

paigners in Britain, where the con-

troversy has been fiercer than in

Lead is a neurotoxin -- a brain

poison -- and there is concern that

lead in the atmosphere affects the

The United States, Japan and

But European cars still run on

Australia bave already promoted

a major switch to lead-free petrol.

leaded petrol, and any move by

intelligence of young children.

other European countries.

U.K. may ban lead in petrol

ommendations.

Mr. Lalonde, architect of a controversial energy programme aimed at reducing foreign, or mainly American, domination of Canadian oil companies, has paid more attention to the private sector since switching from the energy to the fmance ministry.

Like U.S. policy makers, he has been pressing Canada's semiindependent central bank to soften its tight monetary stance and relieve pressure on cash-starved

The budget is politically crucial, offering the Liherals a last chance to revive their sagging fortunes before an election is called, maybe next year, commentators said.

Britain's Conservative gov-

erament to ban it would bave repercussions for other members of

Lead has traditionally been

added to petrol because it is the

cheapest way to give the fuel a

bigher octane, or power, rating.

which could cost Britain more

than £400 million (\$600 million) a

Industry opposes a ban on lead,

The government is already

committed to reducing the lead

content of petrol from 0.4 gra-

mmes to 0.15 grammes per litre by

the Common Market.

It will then form part of the community's preparations for the

BRUSSELS (R) — Senior eco-nomic policy advisers from Eur-summit in Williamsburg, Virginia. summit in Williamsburg, Virginia. late next month.

Advisers warn against

protectionist measures

opean Community states have Diplomats said its recwarned their governments against setting up fresh trade barriers to ommendations would be warmly received by West Germany and nurture new industries and to cul Britain but France was likely to soaring unemployment. In a stark appraisal of the danquarrel with its implied criticism of many of the community's own

gers of rising protectionism, the community's Economic Policy Committee (EPC) said a freer recent trade practices. The unpublished report, obtained by Reuters, dismisses the trade approach by ten-nation trading bloc was vital for any longmain arguments for protectionism heard in European capitals over term recovery from recession. The committee's report, written the past few years.

by senior treasury officials from In an attack on the community's trade policies towards countries member governments, will be prelike Japan, the report flatly rejects sented to a meeting of finance the idea of selective trade barriers ministers in Luxembourg Monto help Europe adjust to the economic upheaval provoked by rapid technological advance.

ues that protectionism would simply delay the process of adjustment and worsen the problems of European industries.

Similarly, measures aimed at nurturing key industries would isolate them from essential competition, while attempts to cut unemployment through trade barriers were largely ineffective.

The report acknowledges that in exceptional cases the community might need to respond to protectionist measures taken by other nations with trade barriers of their own.

Even then such actions are likely to raise costs, strengthen monopolies, or encourage overproduction, it says.

S. Arabia will meet goals

RIYADH (R) — Saudi Arabian cash, saying: "The country is in a Finance Minister Mobammad Abal Khail has said the kingdom's financial position remained solid despite reduced oil revenues in the present glut, and development goals would be met.

Interviewed by Reuters at the weekend, Mr. Abal Khail said he saw no difficulties in meeting the current 1980-85 development plan, including establishment of major refining and gas-based petrochemical industries.

very solid financial position. This is very well known everywhere. that we are a prudent country financially.

Mr. Abal Khail was interviewed following the introduction of a deficit budget, in which his ministry envisaged tapping reserves for about 35 billion Saudi riyals (\$10 billion) to cover projected spending of 260 billion rivals (\$75

Bankers estimate these reserves at up to \$150 billion, but Mr. Abal

Mr. Abal Khail said that with oil exports depressed and the Saudi price lowered this year from \$34 to \$29 a barrel, the kingdom was likely to go into deficit on its cur-

He said total production by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) might rise from August to 19 million barrels per day (b/d) from what the industry estimates is currently around 16 million b/d. with a cor-

He dismissed a suggestion that Saudi Arabia might be sbort of

responding increase in Saudi sales.

fight to stop the Egyptian economy: Dr. Zaghla said companies

CAIRO - Anyone looking for an illustration of the way Egypt's industrial policy has been progressing in recent years need look little further than the Egyptian Iron and Steel Company at Hclwan, south of Cairo.

A crumbling monument to Nasser's state industry programme of the early 1960s, it employs no fewer than 25,000 people.

Though designed to produce more than 1.5 million tonnes of steel annually from blastfurnaces and milk built mainly with Soviet belp, present output is about balf

The rolling mill director says be only bas enough work for 7,000-

10,000 people. Helwan's problem is not lack of demand -- the country imports about 700,000 tonnes of steel a year. Its problem is bottlenecks in the steelmaking process which, since the Russians were kicked

out, are being investigated by consultants from the British Steel Corporation.

The steelworkers are poorly paid, partly because there are too many of them. Because the pay is bad, good managers are hard to find and keep. But even with the best managers, Helwan's problems are unlikely to be solved until Egypt gets to grips with its industrial dilemma: How to streamline and decentralise its huge state sector without undermining Nasser's vision of a socialist, full employment society.

Egypt is an example of a country where a huge swing in the political compass has created aimost insuperable difficulties for

Nasser's nationalisation pro-Sadat's "open door" policy and subsequent encouragement of the private sector.

Today, Egypt can be said to low output and poor quality. have got the worst of both worlds. Whereas Britain, for example.

has achieved over the past 35 years a relatively stable definition of the public sector's limits, Egypt has arrived at the 1980s with something that looks more like a dual economy than a mixed economy. Legislative efforts are under

bill designed to put the state sector on a more commercial footing. The state sector, accounting for

while losing the advantages of a closed economy. An entrenebed bureaucracy which owes its position to nationalisation is unwilling to devolve decisions to company board level.

Employment has taken pre-cedence over industrial efficiency, and overmanning has led to low At the same time, low wages have caused a flight of skilled labour to more lucrative work in the private sector or abroad to the Gulf. Prices are controlled, inv-

estment has been inadequate and

antiquated machinery bas meant

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firms -- has only served to hig-hlight the commercial vulnerability of the public sector.

For that reason, the government is being careful not to. cast state industry in the role of abilitating run-down industries Ugly Sister. Direct competition from the private sector is defionalised industries by means of a initely not part of the new pro-

> expect the private sector to grow new projects, compared with 180 more slowly than official sta-million Egy tements suggest. They detect a sting plants. heavy ambiguity in the open door policy which, they say, is discouraging local investment as well as joint ventures with foreign par-

The bill presented to the national assembly proposes a substantial transfer of authority from the ministries to the boards of pub.. lic companies. Managements would be able to sack ineffective staff, reduce their workforces, pay bonuses and set wage rates. They might also be able to raise money on the markets and manage their own accounts.

Workers' representatives would lose their right to half the seats on owed to cut too deep.

The growth of the private sector translated into action, could strip -- mainly small and medium-sized the trade unions of much of their influence. They have little compensating industrial strength.

The government is meanwhile devoting the major part of its annual public sector budget to rebsuch as sugar refining, paper and pulp, and finishing off balf-completed projects. Only 10 mil-lion Egyptian pound 3814.3 mil-Western diplomats therefore lion) is being spent this year on million Egyptian pounds on ext

The bill is designed to "equalise management in the public and private sectors," according to the former minister for industry, Dr. Fouad Abu Zaghla.

Dr. Zaghla, dismissed in the wake of the recent corruption trials but not personally discredited. was for many years manager of the Helwan steelworks. As minister be became controller of 117 of Egypt's 378 public sector com-

"Ownership is one thing; management should be another." he

Yet the reforms will not be all-

could not be given complete freedom, for example, on pricing without upsetting the whole economic system. Nor could the publie sector tolerate full-blooded competition. "We haven't enough products. What we have enough then we can let people compete in the market."

Again, managers' hiring and firing freedoms will be tempered not only by trade union opposition but also by Egypt's need to find jobs for the 400,000 people joining the labour market each year

Egyptian industrialists and Western diplomats alike doubt that the public sector bill will have much effect, for all its good intentions and the confidence many express in Dr. Zaghla himself.

Mr. Mohammad Badawi, a consultant in textiles -- one of Egypt's principal industries -argues that legislating for state industry efficiency is no substitute for the competitive stimulus that would be provided, for example. by slashing the import tariffs pro-

tecting the garment business. At Helwan steelworks, the view is much the same.

Financial Times news features

FORECAST FOR MONDAY, APR. 18, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day when you would be

wise to stop, look and listen to what an experienced per-

son says about a mutual problem. Make changes that

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a problem but you can easily overcome it. Avoid one who

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You have to change your

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Persevere and attend to

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You may find

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Study your duties well and know where to make the right changes. Excellent results

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A new activity comes up

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Study the situation et

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Discussions with close

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Study your aims

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) If you feel disap-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Fab. 19) Organizing the prac-

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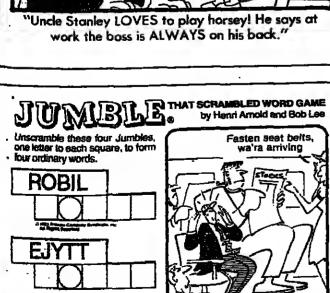
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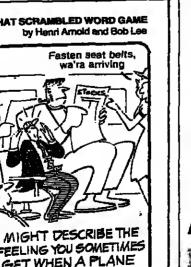
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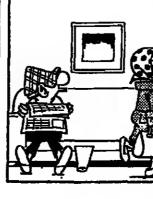






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WARSAW (R) - Polish aut-

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osition appeal for demonstrations

on May Day, the first call for pro-

The arrests also followed the

announcement of a secret meeting

between the top underground

body, the Provisional Coo-

rdinating Commission (TKK) and

Lech Walesa, chairman of the

Police questioned Mr. Walesa.

his wife and his driver last week.

They all said they refused to ans-

wer questions about the reported

BONN (R) - West German Cha-

ncellor Helmut Kohl's desire to

ropov in Moscow this summer ref-

lects growing concern over sta-lemate in East-West arms talks,

The chancellor said after mee-

ting President Reagan and other U.S. leaders in Washington last

week he was ready to meet Mr.

Andropov before parliament's

Moscow has not suggested any

firm date for the first, meeting

between the two men. But 'Kre-

mlin leaders, eager to forestall

deployment of new U.S. missiles

in West Germany, are likely to

favour an early date for the long-

Soviet diplomats in Bonn, who

had earlier expected an autumn

visit, sald Moscow had been inf-

MOSCOW (R) - The Soviet lea-

dership called upon West Eur-

opeans Sunday to prevent the dep-

loyment of new U.S. medium-

range nuclear missiles on their ter-

A list of political slogans pub-

lished in the Soviet press to mark

forthcoming May Day cel-ebrations said: "Peoples of Eur-

ope. Prevent the deployment of

new U.S. nuclear-missile wea-

which appeared on the front page

ponry in Western Europe."

planned visit.

summer recess on June 27.

diplomats said Sunday.

meet Kremlin leader Yuri And-

tests this year.

banned union.

WORLE

China shells Vietnam as border clashes rise

PEKING (R) - Chinese artillery smashed Vietnamese ground fortifications Sunday as border clasnes intensified, the official New China News Agency (NCNA)

Chinese troops returned the fire of Vietnamese frontier guards and the shelling, which began Monday moroing, was still going on, NCNA said.

The artillery harrage had left the Vietnamese strongpoints "in a mess," NCNA said in a report from a forward command post in an unspecified part of Yunnan province.

Saturday NCNA reported that Chinese troops had fired back at Vietnamese soldiers in neighhouring Guangxi province and that Vietnamese earth defence works had been destroyed. Neither report gave any indication of

expected to give neither side a

The result may be another

The snap election was called

after Parliament blocked att-

empts, supported by the army, to

Days or even weeks of the pol-

itical manoeuvring that tra-ditionally follows That elections

could ensue before a new gov-

ernment emerges, political ana-

for lune, is being contested by

1.880 candidates for the 324-seat

House of Representatives. Fou-

rteen parties are in contention.

ister, said Saturday that a

oured him.

The poll. originally scheduled

clear-cut victory.

lysts said.

army-backed coalition.

change the constitution.

troops were forced to return fire following frequent Vietnamese border attacks in the last month in which an unspecified number of local peasants working in the fields had been killed.

NCNA said "Vietnamese special agents sneaked into Chinese border areas to set fire to the mountains," and accused the enemy of setting fire to more than 600 hectares of jungle, hamboo groves and rubber plantatious.

Enemy agents had also destroyed houses of local inhabitants as well as telecommunication lines, it added.

Diplomatic sources said the Chinese attacks were clearly aimed at distracting the Vie-Kampuchean border following might follow.

Sunday's report said Chinese fierce barrages further south.

The diplomats said China was highlighting its own counterattacks for the first time since the two communist neighbours fought a bitter but inconclusive border war in 1979.

Many clashes have occurred since the war, most of them minor. hut until now China has stressed Vietnamese attacks and bas given little prominence to its own troops

The diplomats said China's strong response to the reported Vietnamese attacks was intended as a warning to Hanoi not to provoke large-scale attacks which

could develop into all-out war. Vietnam Sunday demanded that China must cease its artillery tnamese who were apparently attacks along their border and planning further raids on northern warned that it held Peking fully and central sections of the Thai- responsible for any action that

Thais go to Moscow hints at partial pullout from Kampuchea polls today MOSCOW (R) - The official

Soviet news agency TASS has indicated that Moscow supports a BANGKOK (R) - Thailand votes Monday in a general ele-ction pitting the military and its proposed partial withdrawal of Vietoamese troops from Kamsupporters against leading pol-itical parties and the poll is widely puchea next month.

TASS said the ambassadors of Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea briefed Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko Saturday on a conference of the foreign ministers of their countries.

"Proposals worked out at the afore-mentioned conference ... merit the serious consideration of all those really striving to achieve solid peace and stability in the region." it said.

Radio Hanoi reported after the meeting that the three allies announced a partial Vietnamese troop withdrawal for next month. A communique, quoted by Radio Hanoi and monitored in

Bangkok, said the troops would be withdrawn because of the stable

TASS said the Soviet Uninn backed Vietnamese, Laotian and Kampuchean efforts to create a climate of trust and cooperation between countries in South East

The presence of Vietnamese troops in Kampuchea has been cited hy Peking as one of the main obstacles to the normalisation of Sino-Soviet relations.

Indochina is likely to be a key issue when Soviet and Chinese negotiators hold their next round of consultations aimed at ending two decades of hostility between the two countries.

The Communist Party daily Pravda, in an apparent reference to fighting on the Thai-Kampuchean border, said Sunday that Kampuchean and Vietnamese troops were carrying out measures there to render barmless reactionary groups.

VIENNA (R) — A Romanian

expelled from Britain and sent

hack to Romania was in the same

Australian refugee camp Saturday

where he spent several months in

Stancu Papusoiu, 29, is in the

Traiskirchen refugee camp and is

making his second application for

political asylum there in three

A year ago Papusoiu smuggled

himself to Britain aboard a cargo

ship and gave himself up to Lon-

don police. He was jailed and put

on a plane to Romania last month.

despite efforts to allow him to

stay. His expulsion raised a pol-

Ten days ago, three weeks after

arriving in Romania, Papusoiu

was discovered on a train in wes-

tero Austria without a ticket and

destitute after travelling from

Romania to Austria via Hungary.

An interior ministry spokésman

said it was not clear how Papusoiu

had left Romania, hut Western

diplomats familiar with Eastern

ore being allowed into the open

section of the camp to await his

itical outery.

an exit permit.

Romanian 'shuttles' all smug about crisis outcome over Europe

with El Salvador's defence min- talks would be announced on posed solution to the crisis fav-"I believe the announcement will favour my position," Col. According to military and political sources, Col. Bustillo had

itary and political sources. Gen. Garcia agreed to resign in mid-April in negotiations to defuse a military crisis last January which

Jose Guillermo Garcia did not resign by Friday. But high-level military and gov-

said he would refuse to accept

orders from the armed forces high

command if Defence Minister

SAN SALVADOR (R) - Air ernment negotiations bave been force commander Juan Rafael going on to avert the crisis and Bustillo, involved in a showdown Col. Bustillo said results of the

> Bustillo told reporters. According to Salvadorean mil-

threatened the unity of the Salvadorean army, but then did not.

GOREN BRIDGE

Salvador air force chief

BY CHARLES GOREN

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BAD BREAK - HANDLE WITH CAREI Both vulnerable. North

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OAQ3 \$\phi \quad 943 The bidding: North East South West 1 9 Pass 1 9 1 4 Pass 4 V Pass Pass Pass Opening lead: King of 4.

It is easy to complain about a had break. Sometimes it is almost as easy to protect against one!

The auction was straightforward. The only point of interest was North's sensible decision to raise competitively to two hearts despite the fact that he had only threecard support. He had a sound opening bid with prime values and a ruffing value in diamonds, so his raise has the endorsement of this department.

This hand cropped up in a team match. At both tables the defenders attacked with three rounds of spades, with declarer rulfing the third round. One declarer now cashed the king and queen of trumps to learn of the bad

break. He then started on

East ruffed the second club and shifted to the nine of diamonds. Declarer found that he was forced to take the diamond finesse (if he rose with the ace, he either could not draw the last trump or else had to give up on establishing the clubsl. West won the king of diamonds and gave his partner another club ruff for down

At the other table, declarer adopted a far sounder line. He cashed the ace of clubs, returned to his hand with the king of hearts and led a cluh to the king. If East now ruffs and returns a diamond. declarer can rise with the ace, draw trumps with the ace and queen and then run clubs with the help of a finesse for the jack to make

his contract. So East discarded a diamond, but that was no better. Declarer crossed back to hand with the queen of hearts and took the rlub finesse. He simply ran elabs until East decided to rut'. On the diamond return he rose with the ace, drew the asl trump by crossing to the acr of trumps, and he was in dummy to cash wbatever high clubs remained. Making

Athens to try Turkish hijacker

ATHENS (R) - A Turk who hijacked a Turkish airliner to Athens last Friday was charged Sunday with violating air navigation laws, endangering the security of a plane and illegal possession of arms and explosives, a spokesman for the judiciary said.

Legal sources said the 707 on an internal flight from Istanhul to the port of Izmir, forcing the pilot at knifepoint to fly to Athens. He was overpowered hours later and none of the 114 passengers and crew was hurt.

Kalkan, who will plead behind closed doors Monday, told the Athens public prosecutor he opposed the military regime in Turkey and his aim was to go to Australia. "My sole aim was 10 escape from Turkey and not to harm any one. I do not think I will live until

the day of my trial. I do not want food and drink", he said. The prosecutor told him the authorities would see that he took food and drink.

'Rohini' put into orbit

NEW DELHI (R) - India Sunday put a satellite into orbit from a rocket launching pad on an island in the Bay of Bengal, the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported.

The 41.5 kilogramme satellite named Rohini was carried into space by a 17-tonne four-stage Indian-made rocket launched from Sribarikota Island, off the East Coast of India. Indian Prime Minister Indira

Gandhi watched the launch on closed-circuit television in the main control room. The launch was the third in a

series aimed at perfecting a development satellite launch vehicle. The Robini, designed and built by the Indian Space Research

Organisation (ISRO) at Ban-galore in South India, will measure the performance of the rocketry system and carries a landmark sensor capable of classifying ground features like water

MOSCOW (R) - The Soviet

Union bas published what it said

was further evidence of espionage

conducted by U.S. intelligence

under diplomatic cover in Mos-

The government daily Izvestia

devoted half its back page to the

story of Yevgeni Kapustin, a Rus-

sian whom it said the U.S. Central

Intelligence Agency (C1A) rec-

ruited through an American emh-

assy official code-named

Izvestia said the two men made

Soviet Union claims CIA uses diplomatic cover hniques such as "dead letter ulsions between Moscow and Bri- at his trial in June 1981. boxes." In one such incident Kapustin collected instructions from a glove left in a telephone box, it

> Kapustin was arrested by KGB foreign spies. counter-intelligence in September 1981 but no details of a trial have ever emerged.

said.

The last Russian before then to have been tried for espionage was sentenced to death, though the sentence was later commuted to 15 years in a labour camp.

In the present climate of spying contact through standard spy tec- accusations and diplomatic exp-

tain and France, the Izvestia article is clearly intended to subtantiate the Soviet position that it is Moscow which is plagued by

Several underground Solidarity

activists detained in crackdown

meeting, the first between the two

major forces in the union since

Mr. Walesa was freed from int-

State television said Saturday

night that Jerzy Jastrzebowski, 45.

a member of Solidarity's policy-

making national commission, was

one of four people arrested when

police raided an apartment in cen-

tral Warsaw and seized an illegal

Mr. Jastrzebowski had been

wanted since the military takeover

State television said he was the

coordinator of the clandestine Radio Solidarity. The radio, as if

ormed and the emhassy was awa-

iting a reply. "An early visit can-

not be ruled out," one Sovict off-

could serve domestic political

purposes as well as allowing Bonn

to gauge possible Kremlin rea-ction if Soviet-U.S. arms talks fail

and the planned deployment of

Pershing II and cruise missiles

officials seem to be coloured with

more pessimism now over the

chances of avoding deployment

this year." one diplomat com-

The Kremlin has warned that

installation of the missiles, which

it sees as potential first-strike

weapons, would be bound to aff-

ect bilateral relations. It has given

for increased efforts to avert nuc-

lear war, "Demand the banning of

nuclear, neutron and chemical

Gienn urges Reagan

WASHINGTON (R) - Sen.

John Gleun, an active but still

unofficial 1984 Democratic pre-

sidential candidate, has urged Pre-

sident Reagan to negotiate an agr-

eement with the Soviet Union for

conventional weapons.

Moscow urges W. Europe to prevent

deployment of U.S. nuclear missiles

weapons," it said.

Another of the 56 slogaus, the reduction of both nuclear and

no clear indication of political, in an effort to stop deployment.

Comments by West German

Westero diplomats said the visit

U.S. missile issue to prompt meeting

between Soviet, W.German leaders

icial commented.

begins in December.

ernment five months ago.

radio transmitter.

in December, 1981.

The Communist Party daily Pravda last week gave details of the KGB's pursuit of a Latvian dissident who it said was also a CIA recruit and passed on military and economic informatinn from the Soviet Baltic area.

Yuris Burmeister, it said, was sentenced to 15 years in the camps

The Soviet authorities protested to the U.S. embassy over espionage carried on under their auspices after the capture and confession of Kapustin. Izvestia said. So far there has been no Soviet

comment or reaction to Britain's extension of the tit-for-tat game by expelling another Soviet dip-lomat Friday. He was asked to leave after Moscow expelled two Britons in apparent direct retaliation for a previous British expulsion of three Soviet citizens.

Moscow attacks yoga, karate, pacifism, rock music

MOSCOW (R) - Yoga, karate. rock music and some forms of pacifism bave come under fire in the latest Soviet attack on foreign influence in culture. A commentary in the new-

Europe said it could be assumed he had left Romania legally with spaper Sovietskaya Kultura Saturday reinforced the Kremlin's Saturdny he was taken to the return to stricter control in the arts isolation wing of Traiskirchen with fierce criticism of almost evewhere he will stay for a week befrything from abroad.

Western rock music and Soviet rock bands who copy it are a long-standing target of criticism.

But Saturday's article also warned against imports from the Far East, referring to recent letters to the press praising karate as a sport

and yoga for health. The ideological basis of karate is Zen-Buddhism, and yoga is not just a physical exercise system hut teaches the complete suppression of physical activity. These are ideologies infinitely distant and foreign to us," the commentary said.

Products of the Western pop music industry were dismissed as

damaging to social intercourse. while foreign films were said to glorify immorality, cruelty and

Sovietskaya Kultura gave a clear warning to any artist who might feel free to interpret Soviet government statements on world peace as indicating an unrestricted field of activity.

"Damage is done to the educational material and artistic productions which do not contribute to the strengthening of rev-olutionary vigilance and class consciousness," it said.

Addiction to foreign culture in general was a symptom of youth's tendency to turn to consumer attitudes, ignoring the achievements of socialist realism, the paper said.

Socialist realism is the formal, stylised art that thrived under the repressive regime of Josef Stalin. depicting the manual worker in painting, music and literature as a grandiose hero.

Afghan refugees removed from crowded North West Frontier By Brian Williams month for the foresceable future.

application for asylum.

MIANWALI. Pakistan - Pakistan is now sending Afghan refugees deep into its interior because the North West frontier regions can no longer cope with the relentless influx.

More than three years after the Soviet Union intervened in Afghanistan, the continuing arrival of refugees has forced Pakistan tn risk upsetting its own people by establishing camps about 160 kilometres from the border.

The decision places refugees in the fertile Punjab province, away from the North West Frontier and Baluchistan, where customs are similar to those in Afghanistan.

Pakistan estimates that it now has nearly three million Afghans inside its borders, the world's largest refugee population. It expects about 25,000 more to arrive every

ghbouring Iran also acted to ease its refugee load by announcing that 1.5 million Afghans would need identity cards to gain access to public services like education and welfare facilities. Scarce resources

Earlier this month, nei-

Pakistan's chief commissioner for Afghan refugees, Brig. Said Azhar, said that in the border areas the Afghans had strained scarce resources of water, wood and grazing land, as well as burdening electricity and transport.

He said the 2.3 million refugees in the North West Frontier region now comprised one sixth of its population and its animal population had risen by nearly three million sheep and goats.

The sensitive task of settling the refugees in the Punjab in the face had written to Pakistan's military

of some local opposition has fallen on 35-year-old former Maj. Zia Ul Haq, district commissioner for the Mianwali region, about 250 kilometres southwest of Islamabad.

His administrative powers cover an area where about \$00.000 people live, some 150,000 of them in the sub-district where new refugees are being set-

So far about 25,000 refugees have moved into a camp in the sub-district. But by next year the number is expected to be nearly 200,000 outnumbering the locals.

'Some resentment'

"There is some resentment. But it is a chance we have to take. We are ready to face the music but they are guests," Mr. Zia UI Haq

He said some local residents

ruler, President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq, about the decision to move the refugees to their district. They were worried about gra-

zing land and resuted facilities like new roads being built for refugees when they had wanted such improvements for years.

This is a part of the Puniab which has been crying and yelling for development for centuries," Mr. Zia UI Haq said. "They have felt neglected."

On roads, local authorities can argue that what is good for the refugees is also good for the locals. But there are other problems. Mr. Zia Ul Haq said there would be one doctor for every 10,000 refugees, while the ratin outside

the refugee camp was one doctor to 35,000. The authorities have taken great care to minimise conflicts between refugees and locals in the Punjab. A four-month survey of

possible camp sites was und-

crtaken before settling on the Mianwali district, where many residents originally came from Afghanistan, decades ago.

Regular meetings have been arranged between refugee representatives and leaders of the local community to head off any disputes.

Mr. Zia Ul Haq said he planned to turn the Punjab camp into a model settlement. Unlike the other areas, we have had time to prepare for the arrival of the refugees," he said.

The camp will have the first bank at a refugee settlement, and the Afghans are encouraged to build their own brick huts with material supplied by the Pakistan government instead of living in.

"Some refugees have already said we are making them so comfortable that they will not want to go back home," Mr. Zia Ul Haq

NEWS BRIEF

in defiance, made a brief bro-

adcast on Friday, the day after the

police detained Zbigniew Belz, a

member of the union's watchdog

auditing commission, and several

other underground activists on

Friday. He was reported to have

been planning May Day dem-

nationalist group KPN, many of

whose members were also in Sol-

idarity, were detained in the ind-

ustrial city of Plock and illegal pri-

nting houses were closed down in

economic or military con-

The opposition Social Dem-

ocrats (SPD) accused Mr. Kohl

Saturday of failing to push West

German interests in the United

States and have frequently urged

him to put more pressure on Mr.

Reagan for a compromise arms accord with Moscow.

Since my election in 1982, 1

have continuously pushed for

new, more extensive concepts at

the (Geneva medium-range nuc-

lear missile) talks... we have bro-

ught our ideas to full expression."

he told the newspaper Welt Am

Sonntaq Sunday.

The Moscow visit would be unl-

ikely to win any sympathy from

West Germany's active unilateral

disarmament groups who have

promised to blockade U.S. bases

ionally broadcast radio address.

said Mr. Reagan had failed to

make any progress at the Geneva

arms reduction talks. Sen. Glenn

was given the radio time to res-

pond to Mr. Reagan's weekly bro-

adcast, which this week was on

"The entire arms control pro-

The senator added that he rec-

ognised the need for a strong def-

ence, but said progress could be

jeopardising national security.

cess is on the brink of collapse,"

domestic tax issues.

Sen. Glenn said

Ten supporters of the illegal

onstrations.

six major cities.

In the western city of Gorzow

'Sidharta' rescue story unconfirmed

BONN (R) - West Germany has denied reports that a Soviet ship had rescued four survivors from a crippled German-owned yacht. missing for the past week in the South China Sea. A foreign mmistry spokesman in Bonn said the Soviet embassy in Manila bad told West Germany it could not confirm the reports. "We have been in touch with Soviet officials and unfortunately, very unfortunately, the reports prove to be untrue. The search continues but there seems to be little hope," the spo-

Reagan's 'decline' seemingly ends

NEW YORK (R) - Public approval of President Reagan's handling of the economy had increased slightly, halting a two-year decline in his rating, according to an opinion poll published Sat-urday night. The New York Times-CBS News poll, taken among 1,489 adults last weekend, showed 40 per cent approved of Reagan's economic policies while 49 per cent disapproved.

'U.S.-European ties will erode'

WASHINGTON (R) — A private study released predicted an erosion of U.S. relations with its European allies in the next decade and warned that the U.S. army will be forced to return to peacetime conscription in the 1990s. It said strong West European disappointment in U.S. alliance leadership and strong European domestic pressures for neutralist foreign policies, among other things, "will combine to erode by the 1990s the essential spirit if not the form of the NATO alliance."

Iranian women face tougher times

TEHRAN (Agencies) — Iranian women who flout the Islamic clomade on arms reductions without | thing code in public places from now on will face arrest, trial within 24 hours, and a month to a year in prison, according to an official order issued bere. The penalties are the same as those imposed for the sale or purchase of pornographic films and photographs. and recordings of so-called 'vul-gar music', Tehran Radio said, quoting the order.

Naples police end gangland wedding

NAPLES, Italy (R) - A wedding reception for the nephew of an underworld boss ended abruptly in an exclusive Naples restaurant when police hurst in and arrested several guests. Police said they seized guns and ammunition from the guests, one of whom bad hidden his flick-knife in a vase of flowers. Raffaele Lubrano, 24, comforted his weeping bride Rosa, 21. as officers hauled off several men with criminal records as sidekicks of his uncle, gang chief Lorenzo

Ethiopia welcomes relief programme

ADDIS ABABA (R) - Ethiopia has welcomed the European parliament's decision to draw up a relief programme for the country's chronic drought hut said it was unrealistic to channel the aid through non-government agencies. Shimeles Adougna, head of the Relief and Rehabiliatinn Programme (RRC), told Reuters that Voluntary agencies lacked means of transport to reach drought victims in the country's northern Wollo. Tigray and Gondar pro-

N. Indian wheat harvest threatened

NEW DELHI (R) - Heavy rain in North India is threatening prospecis of a bumper wheat harvest while South India continues to suffer from severe drought, trade sources said Saturday. Farmers in the North were praying for the freak rains of the past few days to stop, but ar the country's southern tip six Hindu priests vowed to stand in a lake for ten days to heg the heavens for rain, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

